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# Management Joins CIO In Supporting Cigarette Fund

*Leaders Pleased With Petitions*

Thousands of names signed to UAW-CIO petitions asking Congress for price rollbacks proved pleasing to UAW-CIO leaders if the grins on the faces of Regional Director Richard Gosser, President Melvin Schultz and Vice President Thomas Burke are any indication. A large pile of signed petitions are in front of Mr. Gosser, who is seated. Tom Burke, left, and Melvin Schultz, right, are looking over some of the signatures of non-CIO members.

## Ball Games Feature Drives End

Management in dozens of Toledo firms is contributing to the CIO overseas cigarette fund, making donations and purchasing tickets for the baseball games at Swayne Field Monday, July 19.

Following are the firms which have given their financial support to the fund drive: Hall Manufacturing Co., Swartzbaugh Manufacturing Co., DeVilbiss Manufacturing Co., Buddie's Box Lunch, Willys-Overland Mortors Corp., and many others.

Commanding officers of Camp Perry and the Toledo Naval Armory have requested that all ball game tickets which will not be used by the purchasers be turned over to the two military organizations so they can send soldiers and sailors to attend the doubleheader, which will mark the close of the drive.

Camp Perry's baseball team will meet the Toledo Mud Hens in the feature game of the evening, which accounts for the interest which the commanding officer of Camp Perry has in securing tickets for his men.

### *Let's All Go*

**By this time you know that the CIO is putting on a cigarette fund drive for our soldiers overseas. Don't wait for somebody to ask you to buy a ticket, but run, don't walk, to your steward or shop committeeman and say, "Gimme a ticket for the ball game." Chances are the poor fellow will collapse from shock, but never mind that. Just hand him a dollar to buy cigarettes for our servicemen and let him get over his fainting spell all by himself. You'll enjoy the games and at the same time be giving some soldier overseas the thrill of knowing we of the CIO do care.**

The preliminary game will be played between the Local 12, UAW-CIO and the Spicer Mfg. Co. teams. Both teams are in the city federation.

Two big bands will provide music before and during the ball games. Local 12 band, one of Toledo's outstanding musical organizations, and the Camp Perry Military Band will join forces in a concert, which in itself should be worth the price of admission.

In addition to the ball games and band music, Paul Spor will present several feature acts for the entertainment of those attending the games.

The advance ticket sale is proceeding briskly and it is expected that this will be one of the best attended ball games of the current season.

Tickets may be secured from executive chairmen and shop stewards in CIO plants or at the TIUC headquarters, 611 Huron St., or Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St.

## Labor Editors Plan Organization

CHICAGO, Ill., July 11—More than 200 labor editors representing CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhods publications from Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa met here Saturday and Sunday, July 10 and 11, to discuss their problems and plan for labor's continued part in the war effort and post-war period.

Labor unity keynoted the conference from the first to the last session. The editors were unanimous in agreeing that although they did not set the policies of their unions, they recognized the need for and value of unity, particularly in the face of the mounting tide of legislative reaction and the problems which will exist in the post-war era.

**Government Compliments Workers**

Representatives of the War and Navy Departments, National Labor Relations Board, War Labor Board, War Production Board and other governmental agencies, addressed the editors during their conference and were unanimous in their praise of the work which labor has been doing during the war period.

Army and Navy officials who talked to the editors, urged that production be held at a high level, and they cautioned the editors not to let their people feel overconfident, but to use their influence to bring home to them that the war will not be won until the last shot has been fired and the Axis gives its unconditional surrender.

**Panel Meetings Popular**

Panel meetings were held on Saturday, covering prices, rationing and inflation, wartime housing and education, and the labor press and public relations.

Best attended of all the panels was that on public relations, where a spirited discussion took place on how Unions could improve their publicity and create favorable public sentiment.

All agreed that public relations have been neglected to a large extent by Unions and that some definite action should be worked out to present Unions in their true light in the community. Union participation in War Chests, War Bond Sales drives, cigarette fund drives, Red Cross Blood Donor Campaigns, close cooperation with the Navy, WAVEs and similar enlistment

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## Brown Named For Auto-Lite Plants

Regional Director Richard Gosser July 10 announced the appointment of Ralph Brown, of the Auto-Lite, Local 12, UAW-CIO as assistant director of all Auto-Lite subsidiaries within the UAW-CIO jurisdiction.

Mr. Brown is a former chairman and member of the executive board of the Auto-Lite Unit and was instrumental in forming the Auto-Lite Intra-Corporation Council in 1939, which has for its purpose coordination of contractual relations and union activities within the various company plants.

In discussing the appointment, Mr. Gosser said it was his intention to have Mr. Brown work with the Council in furthering complete organization and contractual relations in the various company plants which number 25, and to ultimately work out a corporation agreement embracing the major points of a master contract.

Mr. Gosser stated that it was his belief that the Units were not ready at this time for such an agreement as he outlined, and stressed the importance of improving various contracts and completing organization in the outlying shops so the security and organization of these plant workers will be protected. Regional Directors in the various sections having Auto-Lite subsidiaries have pledged their cooperation in the organizational drive.

Member of the Auto-Lite Unit and executive committee have expressed themselves pleased with Mr. Brown's appointment and have pledged their support and cooperation.

## Committee Kills Guffey Coal Act

**Ignore FDR Request To Continue Act**

WASHINGTON (FP)—The seven-year-old Guffey Bituminous Coal Act, providing government regulation of the soft cal industry, was killed by the house rules committee July 6, despite pleas by President Roosevelt, the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) and coal industry spokesmen.

The final death warrant came when the rules committee voted to table a resolution extending the act's existence from August 23 till January 1, preventing the act from being brought up before Congress adjourns in a few days. The act will have expired by the time Congress reconvenes in September.

Previously the house ways and means committee defeated, 13 to 11, a bill that would have extended for two years after the end of the war the stabilization machinery set up under the act.

This action was taken notwithstanding a letter from President Roosevelt in which he said that "both the industry and the miners would feel on more solid ground if they had the assurance that they and the country would have the benefits that have been demonstrated under the Coal Act." He added: "The whole coal situation is so unsettled that it would be helpful if any phase of it could be definitely concluded."

## Auto-Lite Council Plans Closer Co-operation

Delegates from Auto-Lite subsidiaries representing four states met at Local 12 headquarters, July 10 to attend a meeting of the Auto-Lite Intra-Corporation Council.

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director opened the meeting welcoming the delegates and introduced Ralph Brown newly appointed assistant director for all Auto-Lite plants. Mr. Gosser outlined the duties for which Mr. Brown will be responsible and told of the plans which had been made for the progress and organization of all Auto-Lite subsidiaries.

Delegates reporting at the meeting indicated a desire to bring their shops to the standard of the shops in the Toledo area, and to progress toward an overall agreement after completing organization of those shops in the Auto-Lite group still unorganized.

A committee consisting of Raymond Karl, Lacross, Wis. and Chas. Rathke, Bay City, Mich. was named to assemble material submitted from the Local Units into a master contract which will be approved at a later meeting when the date has been assembled.

Informative discussions were held on various problems relative to the individual Units and many suggestions were made. The meeting was presided over by Forrest McElroy of Indianapolis, Ind. in the absence of Orville Evanson of Lacross, Wis., who was unable to attend because of illness.

Delegates were unanimus in their expressions of satisfaction at the propspect of closer cooperation among the Auto-Lite plant Units.

## Industrial Rubber Workers Get Pay Increase

Workers of the Toledo Industrial Rubber Co., affiliated with Local 12, UAW-CIO, will be granted wage increases from 7 to 20 cents per hour as the result of a Regional War Labor Board's directve of July 10, according to Melvin Schultz, president of Local 12.

At the same time, the WLB approved a change from the bonus system which had been in effect to a piece work system. All increases in pay are retroactive to Aug. 3, 1942.

The Board's ruling was based upon its determination that the approved rates for the employes are not in excess of the minimum sound and tested going rates in this area for the classifications affected.

Final approval will come from the National War Labor Board as required by the provisions of Executive Orders Nos. 9250 and 9358.

Members of the shop committee who took part in contract negotiations are Felix Lubomski, chairman, Homer Gladney, Roy LaMunyon, Rose Kish. John Watters and John Grandowicz, who also were on the committee, are now serving in the armed forces.

## Smith-Connally Act Invoked First Time

DETROIT (FP)—The anti-labor Smith-Connally law was invoked for the first time Jully 7 when the Regional War Labor Board intervened in a strike of 140 maintenance employes in a large office building here. The structure houses several government offices.

The intervention came under the law's provisions which permit the WLB to proceed with immediate hearings on its own motion when a dispute affects the war effort. The employes are seeking a union contract from the building's owners.

**COMPANY UNION DEFEATED**

CHESTER, Pa. (FP)—The long established hold of the company union at the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. yards was broken when the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO) won an NLRB election by a 910-vote majority. The vote was 12,816 to 11,906.

## CIO To Fight Smith-Connally Act

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Pledging a strong campaign to obtain repeal of the "vicious anti-war, labor-baiting Smith-Connally Act," the CIO executive board meeting in special session July 7 pinned responsibility for passage of the act directly on President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated).

A resolution unanimously adopted by the board declared in its preamble:

"The labor-baiting and Administration hating forces in Congress enacted this vicious anti-labor measure to wreak vengeance for the acts of one individual who flouted the needs of the nation for continuus production of vital war materials, ignored the machinery established for the adjustment of all labor disputes in order to guarantee continuous production, and recklessly caused a national strike in the coal fields."

**Promise President Support**

In vetoing the act, the President "demonstrated his understanding of the contribution being made by labor toward winning the war and that any blow against labor is a blow against the war effort," the resolution said, promising him "complete and unstinting support in our nation's struggle in this patriotic war."

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## WLB Warns Congress

WASHINGTON (FP)—The National War Labor Board served notice July 8 on retreating farm bloc-defeatist congressmen that the rising cost of living is wrecking the Little Steel formula for limiting general wage increases to 15% above Jan. 1, 1941.

The board also declared that unless food prices are rolled back it will be forced to permit increases of wages for thousands of workers in order to correct sub-standard pay. On the same day, the CIO passed a resolution urging immediate rollback of prices to Sept. 15, 1942, and asked Congress to appropriate two billion dollars for the purpose, which it failed to do.

In a case granting increases to workers, WLB Vice-Chairman George W. Taylor declared that if prices continue to get out of control, the board may ask Economic Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson to press for a revision of the Little Steel formula in Congress.

He stated that any change in the formula would require congressional approval, because that body, in passing the Stabilization Act of Oct. 2, 1942, accepted the Little Steel formula for stabilizing wages.

The WLB previously warned that wage stabilization is endangered by government failure to hold the line on prices, particularly in food, which has gone up 12.9% from October 1942 through April 1943, according to conservative Labor Department statistics.

## WLB Orders Union Security Clauses

WASHINGTON (FP) — Chairman William H. Davis of the National War Labor Board said July 6 that the board would continue to order maintenance of membership guarantees in certain cases even though its authority under the recently enacted Smith-Connally law was being questioned.

Davis said that the board, on advice of counsel, had decided that the law did not forbid union security clauses. He said that the board had that day ordered the standard union security clause in several AFL and CIO contracts—contracts submitted by the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers and the United Leather Workers International Union, both AFL, and the United Auto Workers and United Rubber Workers, both CIO.

## OWI Movie Chief Resigns

WASHINGTON (FP) — First victim of congressional budget pruning, Lowell Mellett, chief of the motion picture bureau of the Office of War Information, has handed in his resignation to OWI chief Elmer Davis, effective July 15.

The bureau's budget was slashed from a requested $1,,00,000 to $50,000 after hatchetmen in Congress decided that showing movies to the activities, was "propaganda."

"Our funds will not permit any production of motion pictures by OWI for domestic use," Davis said, in announcing Mellett's resignation. "We will, however, continue to discharge our responsibility for the coordination of the government films and for liaison between the government and the motion picture industry."

**ILLINOIS PASSES EQUAL WAGE LAW**

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (FP) — A bill providing for equal pay for women has passed the Illinois legislature and now awaits the signature of Gov. Dwight H. Green. The effective date of the law would be July 1, 1944—the year's delay being intended for readjustment of labor-cost schedules by employers.

## What's Wrong With Education Department

BATON ROUGE, La. (FP)—The legislative committee of the Louisiana Teachers Association, an organization of white teachers, unanimously disapproved a proposal to pay Negro teachers salaries equal to those paid white teachers.

The average annual earning of teachers in elementary schools are $422 for Negroes and $1,067 for whites. In high schools annual salaries average $652 for Negroes and $1,342 for whites.

## OPA Completes Ceilings On Canned Vegetables

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Office of Price Administration completed its pricing of the 1943 pack of canned vegetables July 5, establishing specific dollars-and-cents maximum prices for three commodities and setting up formulas to price a miscellaneous group. All prices are at the canner level.

The three vegetables for which specific maximum prices are established are asparagus, mustard greens and turnip greens. In addition to setting forth formulas for miscellaneous groups, the OPA also revised in considerable detail the specific maximum prices set earlier for corn, tomatoes, snap beans and peas.

## WLB Is Streamlined

WASHINGTON (FP)—Workers and employers throughout the country were assured of speedier handling of both wage and dispute cases as a result of two developments announced by the National War Labor Board July 8.

Regional boards have retooled under the May 12 clarification of the "hold the line" executive order and are now turning out rulings on voluntary wage and salary cases at record speed, the WLB said, and tripartite review committees are being set up in Washington to speed decisions on the WLB's cases and to cut through the backlog.

"Our goal," WLB chairman William H. Davis said, "is a complete turnover every 20 or 30 days. In other words, we expect that applicants may soon expect a ruling on the average of only three to four weeks after they submit a proposed adjustment."

## FEPC Pledges War on Job Discrimination

WASHINGTON (FP)—The newly appointed Committee on Fair Employment Practice adjourned its first meeting here July 7 with a pledge "to give every industrial American a chance to serve his country."

First action of the committee was to agree to set up 12 regional offices and to proceed with cases involving charges of discrimination on southern railroads, a group of war industries in Detroit, and the Capital Transit Co. in Washington, D. C. The railroad hearing was scheduled for Sept. 15, 16 and 17, and dates for hearings on the other two cases will be set as soon as it appears that efforts to settle them by negotiation have failed.

The FEPC is also working out an agreement with the War Manpower Commission to strengthen enforcement of executive order 8802, assuring non-discrimination because of race, color, creed and national origin.

## Virginia AFL, CIO Near Joint Political Action

RICHMOND, Va. (FP) — AFL and CIO unions were seen moving closer to joint political and legislative action as their state organizations got programs under way.

President W. F. Patrick of the Virginia Federation of Labor has appointed President J. F. Joinville of the Richmond Building Trades Council as the federation's legislative chairman for the coming year.

State CIO Director Ernest B. Pugh announced that Silas Switzer of Roanoke would probably be renamed legislative chairman and that the CIO and AFL expected to work closely together this year on political and legislative matters.

## AFL Locks Out Workers

**Workers Refuse To Pay Dues**

Production was practically at a standstill at the Valve Bag Company this week, following a lockout of company workers by the AFL because the former refused to pay dues into the organization.

When the workers arrived at the plant Monday morning, they were ordered by the AFL officials to pay $10 dues or be barred from the plant. Only 14 out of nearly 200 employes were permitted to go to their work. The others, who refused to pay, were forced to remain outside.

Source of the trouble between the AFL and majority of the plant employes was dissatisfaction of a large group with the AFL contract. Accordingly, they asked the Textile Workers (CIO) to seek an election to secure the bargaining rights with the company.

**Petition Refused**

A petition to the NLRB for an election was refused, because, the NLRB pointed out, a new contract had been signed between the AFL and company before the old contract had expired.

Workers at the Valve Bag Company maintained the contract was invalid because it was negotiated and signed without their knowledge or consent.

Elzie Bush, head of the Textile workers, has offered a solution which would require all company employes to pay $1 dues, which would be given to the USO or Army and Navy Relief until the contract now held by the AFL has expired and an election could be held. Mr. Bush's offer has been rejected by the AFL.

## Canadian Union Pledge "No Strike"

TORONTO, Canada (FP)—Canadian unions affiliated with the CIO have reaffirmed President Philip Murray's no-strike pledge at an emergency conference here. Representatives from the United Auto Workers and United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers declared that there were other means besides strikes to obtain favorable action for labor. They pointed out that Canadian labor was now strong enough to demand that the conservative government drop its anti-labor policies.

## Roll Back Price Petition Returns Increasing

Roll back petitions being circulated throughout Local 12 shops continue to come in, in increasing number. More than 15,000 names have already been sent in to Local 12 headquarters, according to Melvin Schultz, president of the Local.

With Congress taking a vacation in the midst of war, the petitions will be held up until shortly before it reconvenes, around the middle of September.

Non-union members are also signing the petitions in large numbers. Many of them continue to stop at Local 12 headquarters, where the petitions are easily accessible to all who enter the building. Regional Director Richard Gosser, commenting upon the large number of people who have come to the Local 12 headquarters to sign the petitions, urged UAW members to bring their non-union friends to the headquarters to sign the petitions.

**Urges UAW Members**

"I urge all UAW members who can possibly spare the time to take these petitions to their friends and relatives and ask them to sign. After all, it is the public who will benefit from the price rollbacks when they come, and they will come, and not only organized labor," said Mr. Gosser.

Mr. Gosser urged Local 12 members to ask for more petitions, which he said were available in the office at Local 12 headquarters.

It is now believed that with the additional time for circulating the petitions, due to the long Congressional adjournment, many thousands of names will be added over and above those which were anticipated. When the petitions are signed and returned, they will be sent to Congress as an indication of the sentiment of this community with respect to the price rollbacks.

Millions of names will be sent in to Congress, demanding that something definite be done to roll back the prices to the May, 1942, level.

**GUFFEY BILL KILLED**

WASHINGTON (FP) — The 7-year-old Guffey bituminous coal act providing government regulation of the soft coal industry was killed by the house rules committee, despite pleas by President Roosevelt, the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) and coal industry spokesmen.

## Reno Beach Loss Blamed On Bricker

Governor Bricker was blamed by Thomas Burke, vice-president of Local 12, UAW-CIO, former member of the Ohio legislature, for the tremendous property loss which has occurred as a result of high water at Reno Beach during the past week. Burke told how he, Senator Virgil Cramer, John Froelich and others interested in conservation had gone to Governor Bricker in 1941 and asked that the state sponsor a request for federal funds for a survey of the east Bay Shore.

"The governor was not interested," said Burke. "He was trying to preserve state rights and was not going to promote any federal bureaucracy in Ohio."

**Cramer Gets Funds**

Senator Virgil Cramer, who recently was able to secure $10,000, of which $4,000 had been spent for sand bagging and other last-minute attempts to keep Lake Erie from flooding the Reno Beach area, agreed when questioned by the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL reporter that the money appropriated by the state for flood prevention was "too little, too late." Senator Cramer agreed with Mr. Burke that the loss of 6,000 acres and damage to the homes at Reno Beach could have been prevented had the governor listened two years ago.

Not only is the governor being blamed for the loss due to the inundation, but the Ohio Division of Conservation is also being severely criticized by inhabitants of the colony, who claim the division is more interested in producing a few pheasants and fish for the sportsmen than it is in control of erosion. "The boys in Columbus," said a resident of Reno Beach, "are merely giving lip service to the cause of conservation. They would rather arrest a man for taking a fish one inch shorter than the law allows than they would in preserving the land which supports their game."

**Civic Leaders Angry**

Several East Toledo civic leaders spoke sarcastically of the state and its lack of interest in aiding the residents of Reno Beach pre-

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# Congress Adjourns; Defeated On Subsidy Bill

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Congress adjourned late July 8 after repeated attempts by the defeatist-farm bloc group to smash the government subsidy-rollback program were successfully crushed.

The way was cleared for a recess after the senate abandoned by a 34 to 33 vote an amendment to the Commodity Credit Corporation bill prohibiting the payment of food price subsidies.

The measure finally adopted was a modified version of a House-approved bill extending the life of the CCC for six months and increasing its borrowing power from $2,650,000,000 to $3,000,000,000. No mention is made in this bill of the subsidy issue, thus allowing the government to proceed with present rollbacks on meat and butter and to institute new subsidies.

**Senate Avoids Fight**

Although two days before, the Senate had voted to write a subsidy ban into the CCC bill similar to the one vetoed by the President, fears of another presidential veto and the desire to avoid a drawn-out fight which would hold up the summer recess were apparently the major factors in the Senate about-face.

Overwhelmingly defeated in the House was the McKellar amendment to the war agencies and Labor Department-Federal Security Administration appropriation bills, which required federal employes earning $4,500 or more a year to be appointed by the President and affirmed by the Senate. The Senate agreed to yield on this issue if the House maintained its opposition to the proposal.

**Snappy Work**

With these two major issues settled, the war agencies, Labor Department-FSA, and second deficiency appropriation bills were passed in short order, winding up all official congressional business.

Earlier in the day the House Agriculture Committee by a 9-to-6 vote killed a Senate-approved measure, engineered by Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith (D., S. C.), lifting the ceiling price on corn from $1.07 a bushel to $1.40.

A move to rescue the government's crop insurance program was defeated in conference as senators backed down before House insistence.

**JOINT ACTION TAKEN ON PRICES**

ST. LOUIS (FP)—Joint action on prices by the AFL, CIO, railroad brotherhoods, citizens' and consumer organizations was begun here following adoption of a six-point program for consumer action by 500 delegates at a spirited Roll-Back-the-Prices Conference.

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programs were a good way in which Unions might create favorable public opinion.

**Union Leaders Speak**

Fillard Fullerton, president of the Chicago Industrial Union Council, welcomed the editors to Chicago and told of the things he believed the labor press could accomplish in the days ahead. Len De Caux, editor of the National CIO News, discussed the Washington situation and spoke of the congress which had passed the Smith-Connally bill, and promised that unless more unified labor action were taken, more drastic anti-labor laws were in prospect.

J. B. S. Hardman, editor of The Advance and president of the American Labor Press Association; Ken Hunter, editor of the Midwest Edition, Steel Labor, and Svend Godfredsen, editor of the Packinghouse Worker, presided at the general meetings and panel sessions.

**To Form Permanent Group**

At the editors' lunch today, a motion was made by O. J. Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, to make the organization permanent and that an organizing committee be formed to facilitate such action. The motion passed unanimously.

Following is the committee named to organize the Midwest Section of the American Labor Press Association: Svend Godfredsen, Robert Perkins, George T. Guernsey, Loren Norman, Ken Hunter, Ernest Calloway, E. A. Stevenson, C. L. Hagerty, T. R. Savage and Henry Cohen.

Arrangements were completed to have a transcript of the conference sent to all those who had participated and to begin publication of a monthly or bi-monthly pamphlet to enlighten the public on the "Truth About Labor."

**Progress Is Made**

When the meeting adjourned, it was the unanimous opinion of the editors that a great deal had been accomplished to stimulate interest in labor's problems, and that such conferences should be held oftener.

Howard Cutcher (Auto-Lite Unit) attended the editorial conference as the representative of the Local 12 executive board.

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vent the loss of their homes and land. One said, "This whole thing could have been prevented had the state taken care of its job two years ago. The people at Reno Beach knew the danger, but nobody would listen to them."

Frang Corns, East Toledo insurance man, did not express any opinion about the Reno Beach situation but explained that Frank L. Raschig, State Director of Public Works, had been in Toledo Monday and promised that the balance of the $10,000 secured by Senator Cramer would be made available for temporary plugging of the dikes.

**Ramey Seeks Federal Funds**

Congressman Homer A. Ramey, who has remained in Washington since the adjournment of Congress seeking federal aid, has so far been unsuccessful in his efforts. He is reported to have said that he was being given the "run around" by the bureaucrats and is threatening to come to Toledo and tell his constituents about it, or to ask for Congress to be recalled for a special session.

Residents of Reno Beach, when informed of the money ($6,000), which is being made available for temporary dike repairs, are doubtful of the value of the money and work in really preventing a recurrence of the flood. They say that it will take thousands of dollars to bring about effective flood prevention.

Work of pumping the water from the inundated land is proceeding, but will require considerable time to complete. In the meantime, Reno Beach residents are hoping that the wind will not change and bring about a new flood condition.

## Orders Grievance Machinery Used

WASHINGTON, July 14—(FP)—Because the Arizona Power Co., of Prescott, Ariz., and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) had not explored to the fullest their contractual grievance procedure, a wage dispute was returned to them July 13.

The National War Labor Board also recommended appointment of an arbitrator by some outside agency if they could not agree on a procedure for arbitrating the unsettled issues. The WLB alluded to its July 1 resolution calling upon employers and unions as an urgent "patriotic service" to install adequate procedures for settling day to day grievances and to make "the full functioning of the grievance procedure a major responsibility under the no-strike, no-lockout agreement for the maximum production to win the war."

## Auxiliaries to 'Put the Heat' on Congressmen

WEST PARK, N. Y. (FP)—Forty-three delegates from AFL, CIO and railroad union auxiliaries, called together by the Women's Trade Union League, voted July 11 to "put the heat" on their congressmen this summer in preparation for a new price control campaign in the fall. The delegates were mainly from New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

**UNIONS ASK INCREASES**

WASHINGTON (FP)—Demands for sizeable wage increases geared to the rising cost of living were placed by AFL and CIO spokesmen before the National War Labor Board July 7 in the board's first review of existing contracts covering almost a million workers under zone stabilization agreements. The shipyard stabilization plan of 1941 provided for automatic raises tied to increases in living costs.

## Labor Men WPB Vice Chairmen

—Official OWI photo, released by WPB Labor Press Service.

Pictured above art the two labor leaders recently named vice chairmen of the War Production Board by Chairman Donald M. Nelson. Clinton S. Golden, Pittsburgh (left), is vice chairman for manpower requirements, and Joseph D. Keenan, Chicago (right), is vice chairman for labor production.

Vice Chairman Keenan, a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL), is on leave from his post as secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor, while Golden has been granted leave from his post as assistant to President Philip Murray of the United Steel Workers of America (CIO).

## UAW Calls For End Of Anti-Labor Legislation

Members of the Local 12, UAW-CIO, educational committee have sent a petition to Congressman Homer A. Ramey calling upon Congress to cease its attack upon labor evidenced by anti-labor legislation and to restore the gains taken from labor. In its resolution, the UAW committee calls attention to the declared purpose of the war—the defeat of fascism and the preservation of the democratic way of life. It calls for the defeat of fascism on the home front and the preservation of democratic rights by our nation which intends to aid in the establishment of democracy on a world-wide scale.

Congress has inaugurated a campaign against the workers of America designed to deprive them of their rights and to destroy the gains they have made for the past 50 years, says the statement, and it maintains that this encroachment on the rights of the workers may impair the war effort by creating doubts in the minds of the workers.

Finally, Congress is asked to cooperate with the President by giving better support to legislation which will lessen the burdens of the workers and permit them to use their energies in fighting and working for world democracy rather than expending it trying to prevent it from being destroyed at home.

## Nice Going, Evelyn

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (FP)—Maybe Camel cigarettes will be union soon Application has been made for an NLRB election at the R. J. Reynolds plant, largest cigarette manufacturing center in the word, the United Cannery Agricultural Packing and Allied Workers (CIO) has announced. Thirteen thousand employes in 20 plant units will vote.

Evelyn Marx of Lima, Ohio, is one of the UCAPAWA organizers active in the organizational drive.

## Pittsburgh Mayor Encourages Labor

PITTSBURGH (FP)—Mayor Cornelius D. Scully of Pittsburgh was quoted July 11 as urging labor leaders to shoulder more responsibility in marshalling support for President Roosevelt in 1944.

Scully said: "Labor leaders have a great responsibility. They must see that their thousands of union members register and vote for pro-Roosevelt, win-th-ewar candidates." In this area that means Democrats.

## Labor Asks For Gasoline

Members of the OPA Labor Advisory Committee have made a request to the local OPA office to grant supplementary gasoline tickets to asthma and hay fever sufferers who present sworn affidavits to their local rationing boards.

Certificates must be produced to show that the one afflicted must leave this area during the pollinating season to avoid attacks or obtain relief from the allergic condition.

The committee further suggested that a share-the-ride system be organized so victims of pollens could go to northern Michigan with a minimum of gasoline usage. The committee has asked for an answer by August 8 as the ragweed season from which 90 per cent of hay fever victims suffer, begins about August 15.

## Union Makes Congressman Proposition

DETROIT (FP) — Examining the complaint of Rep. Albert J. Engol of Michigan that war workers get too much pay, Packard Local 190, United Auto Workers (CIO), in its official paper of July 15, says:

"We are confident that there are lots of Packard workers who would make better congressmen than Engel. In fact, we'll make him a sporting proposition. Suppose you take a production job in our plant, Mr. Engel, say on the midnight shift, at the contract rate of pay and we'll send a man to take your place in Congress. Then at the end of the year, if you're an honest man you'll tell us you'd rather have your Congress job at the higher pay and easier work."

## WLB Is Holding Line

The Regional War Labor Board is holding the line against inflation at a point 10 per cent below the average wage, Chairman Lewis M. Gill stated in a radio talk over Station WHK, Cleveland.

This is because, he said, the regional WLB is establishing "sound and tested rates" at a point 10 per cent below the average, and under the "hold the line" order of President Roosevelt proposed rates intended to correct gross inequities may be approved only insofar as they do not exceed these rates.

**WLB Speeded Up**

Mr. Gill reported that, through streamlining its procedure, the Regional WLB has disposed of more than 2,000 applications for approval of voluntary adjustments in the past month.

In so doing, he said, it has reduced the number of pending cases from 2,200 to less than 500, with the result that a decision in the average voluntary case may now be given within three weeks.

The chairman also asserted that it was his hope that the Smith-Connally Anti-Strike Act would prove to be of only "academic interest" in this region. In other words, that the co-operation of labor and industry would be such that it would never have to be used.

He complimented the CIO and AFL for renewing their no-strike pledge.

## To Hold Conferences

WASHINGTON, July 14—(FP)—Regional CIO political conferences will begin July 17 when delegates from nine northeastern states gather in Philadelphia to draw up plans for mobilizing labor support behind President Roosevelt.

A similar conference will be held a week later in Chicago, attended by delegates from 10 midwestern states, President Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers announced. Hillman is chairman of the new CIO Political Action Committee, set up by the executive board at its recent legislative meeting here.

In its main resolution at the legislative meeting July 8, the CIO executive board called on AFL unions and railroad brotherhoods to join with it in a nation-wide legislative conference to mobilize the people behind President Roosevelt in his stabilization tussle with Congress.

On July 11, CIO President Philip Murray, speaking on the radio from Pittsburgh, urged the holding of joint community political conferences by unions and other organizations to bring Congress into line with the administration.

## Remembers Heroes

SAN FRANCISCO—(FP)—On July 5, ever since 1934, the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO) has held a memorial parade in honor of Howard Sperry and Nick Bordoise, maritime workers killed in the 1934 strike. Although no parade was held this year because of the war, a delegation from the ILWU and Marine Cooks and Stewards Association (CIO) stood guard all day at Mission and Steuart Sts., the corner where the men were killed.

## What Makes Politics Tick

**STATE COMMISSIONS**

Last week this column dealt with the executive branch of the state government and got as far as the commissions appointed by the governor to administer the various departments of the state.

Some of the commissions in Ohio are:

Public Utilities Commission—Do you think your gas, electric and telephone bills are too high? This is the organization that sets the rates, always based on what the company can show its capital investment to be, and on what is known as "a fair return on the investment."

Highway Commission — Have you broken any of your car springs lately due to holes in the state highway? Do you ride on macadam for 5 miles, concrete for 10 miles and brick for three miles in a 23-mile ride you take on your B or C ration coupons?

Industrial Commission—This is the body that administers the Workmen's Compensation Act. Your employer has to pay premiums in here on a basis of how much is paid out for accident cases in his plant. Of course, you never knew a worker who was injured, and was chiseled out of all or part of his compensation did you? Anyhow, it couldn't happen to you, so what's the use of voting for government favorable to you.

Naturally, your employer is not interested in profits, he only maintains his business as a philanthropy to you. Being a man of great wisdom, your employer only supports people who will do the best thing for you. As a worker you must not be pampered, you know.

Unemployment Compensation Commission (now known as the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation)—A few years ago, the members of this commission were inclined to be favorable to labor, but their terms were too long for replacement, so the state legislature obligingly changed the law so that the commission became a bureau, and members of the commission became members of the Board of Review. As a worker you would hardly be interested in that. Doesn't everyone say labor should not get into politics? Of course, of course, employers have never mingled in politics—or have they?

**CHANGE OF LAW**

When your employer in his all-seeing wisdom went to the Bureau and had what is known as "merit rating" placed in the law, this meant that they contribute to the fund in proportion to what is paid out in benefits against their account. The fewer the benefits to the workers, the less the employer's payment. We wouldn't accuse an employer of having that as his motive even when he contests your claim and the amount of the award given you. I should say not.

How could anyone accuse a swell guy like your employer of having any ulterior motive in having the state unemployment law changed? Look at the nice place he fixed up for you to work in. Look at all those nice, big, fat paychecks he's given you. My-my, we wouldn't think of accusing an employer of money grubbing. No siree!

Of course if you don't believe what this article is trying to tell you, you can always exercise the other alternative and go to the Board of Elections and register to vote. We know labor has no business in politics because the Smith-Connally bill says so. Never mind that though. If you want to vote, and we think you do, go to the Board of Elections, 217 Superior St., next to the Esquire Theatre, and register. Do it now. Until next week, we are

The Politicol Activities Committee.

## CIO Opposes Connally Act

Continued from Page One

CIO," the resolution said, "shall seek to obtain by executive or judicial interpretation of the various provisions of the Smith-Connally Act the necessary guarantees for our members that through the application of the act, the basic and constitutional rights of our membership will not be abridged.

"The CIO hereby pledges itself to mobilize its entire membership and other sympathetic forces in the campaign to obtain the repeal of this vicious anti-war, labor-baiting Smith-Connally Act."

**Political Committee Appointed**

A committee on political action was appointed by the board to combine with other groups in mobilizing for the 1944 elections. The committee, which was instructed to report back at the next executive board meeting, to be held before the CIO convention convenes in October, consists of: chairman, President Sydney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; secretary, President R. J. Thomas of the United Auto Workers; and President Sherman H. Dalrymple of the United Rubber Workers; President Albert Fitzgerald of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Vice-President Van A. Bittner or Secretary David J. McDonald of the United Steelworkers.

Another resolution urging the need for post-war planning was unanimously adopted.

## Labor Forum Hears Food Program Discussion

Clayton Rusch, chairman of the price control committee of Local 12, UAW-CIO, spoke before the weekly meeting of the public forum at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St., July 13, on "An Adequate Food Program."

Mr. Rusch declared, "We are interested in getting the food into the hands of the consumers, and profits should not come first" in introducing his subject, which is one of the points in the six-point program adopted by the International UAW.

Severely criticizing the farm bloc and labeling it as "the farmers who farm the farmers," Mr. Rusch contended that under present conditions, the small farmer who is the backbone of our agriculture, is being forced to pay a high price on seeds, fertilizers, shipping, processers, wholesalers and food speculators.

**Remedy Suggested**

After completing his criticism of the farm situation, Mr. Rusch made some suggestions which he stated would help create a greater food supply if followed out.

One of the most important remedies, according to Mr. Rusch, would be to curtail the excessive profits of those who reap the benefits of the formers' work and production. He stated that sepculation in food commodities should be entirely eliminated, prices rolled back, and adequate loans at small rates of interest be made available to the small farmers.

One of the things which Mr. Rusch said he believed would be of great value would be an agricultural high command, the same as that now used in the national war production program who would plan production and see that it was carried out. The entire program should be based upon consumer needs.

Norman Meyers, International UAW-CIO representative, will speak at the next regular meeting July 20, and will discuss "A Democratic Manpower Program." There is no charge for the forum, and all members of Local 12 and the public are invited to attend.

## Textile Workers Make Demands

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (FP)—Efforts to establish a 55c hourly floor on wages in southern textile mills will be made in all contract negotiations for that area, President Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers Union (CIO) announced at a conference here. Rieve also disclosed that the union will demand vacations and third-shift premium pay in all its future contracts.

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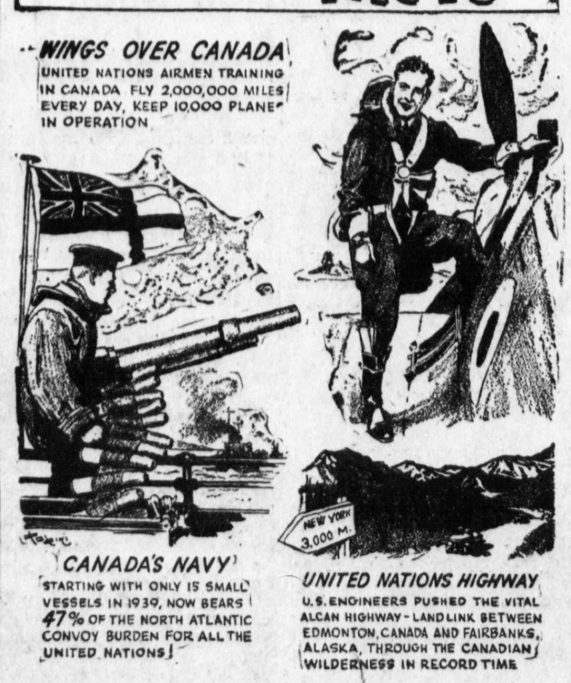
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# Champion Sparklets

FF AND STUFF

Mr. Beatty is still making the rounds with hello's and smiles for everyone. Just what do you suppose he is trying to cultivate.

Floyd Perkins has joined Orville Boyer's Garlic-Eaters' Society. One of these days, boys, ye shall be tossed bodily out of yon window.

Shirts may come and shirts may go, but the shirt George Robinson wore the other day tops them all. Its coloring was a thing of beauty. Imported from Africa, its background design was camels and one of the wonders of the world—the Spinx. Gorgeous Arabs were also to be seen roaming the sand dunes.

The fourth floor welcomes back smiling Johnny Dominickowski of Dept. J. He looks fine and says he feels finer than that.

If you care for bull fights or wrestling matches or things of that sort, you should go up on the third floor some afternoon at four o'clock to see these otherwise gentle gals make that dash for the time clocks. It sure is something to see the way Big Pat manhandles the medium-sized girls.

Romeo, Romeo, wherefor art thou, Romeo? Ask Chuck Johnson whether he was trying to be another Kay Keyser in Adrian, Mich., on Sunday, June 6. Wotta man!

Our own Steve Kaifasz has pitched two no-hit games so far. That is a real accomplishment as all baseball fans know. Go out and see our Champion team perform. It's free and a lot of fun.

The boys and girls in lower L sure don't like the way their boss switches employes around without regard to seniority. Wonder how long it will be before this foreman becomes a right guy? Does he have to learn the hard way?

CIGARETTE FUND

When your steward comes around with tickets for the CIO ball game or the Servicemen's Overseas Cigarette Fund, do two things. 1. Treat your steward like a decent human being. After all, the stewards have a lot of duties, including that of selling tickets, so the least you can do is to treat him courteously. 2. Buy a ticket. The ticket will do a lot of good. It will enable you to see two ball games, hear two good bands and see several acts of Paul Spor's talented youngsters. Most of all, it will enable the CIO to send millions of cigarettes to our fighting men all over the world.

Give the soldiers a break by buying a ticket, and give your steward a break by buying a ticket from him without a lost of abuse.

Don't forget to remember to attend your regular Unit meeting on July 22 at 425 Winthrop St., at 7:30 p. m. for the day shift. The night shift meeting will be held at 11:00 a. m. Come one, come all.

Now that the bowling season is over, who is Frieda, in Dept. D, going to mother. P. S.: The 15 and 16-year-olds are working now, you know.

What was the reason for the big headache John Lukasik was carrying around last Sunday? Could it be that Johnnie strayed from the straight and narrow over the week-end.

One of the busiest fellows at the races the other day was Harley Steel. It seems that he spent most of his time at the two-dollar window. How did you do, Harley?

How come John Byrd is seen every morning carrying coffee and rolls through Dept. B? Come on, John, let us in on it!

Dept. B had a visitor last Thursday in the person of Melvin Navarre, who was home on a short furlough from the Army.

Ever notice how becoming the operators on the electric welders look with their new masks on?

Anyone wishing to buy a pony should get in touch with Ronnie Wilson. It seems that he has two of them on his farm and is willing to part with both of them.

# Commutator Comments

Supervisory Sweat Sox will meet the Wenger-less Wonders of Local 12 League in a catch as catch can game Sunday, July 11, back of the barn on King Road. Manager "Curly" Daughters smells a hot team in his Sox and predicts a lopsided victory. Manager Grant of the Wonders claims his team will play at least one inning without protest.

Sam Scott, chief custodian of the suds, is expected to appear above the beer keg at brief intervals. A battery of Moon to O'Laughlin and vice versa is expected to start and not last for the Sox. Joe Doyon will not umpire.

At the next Unit meeting Mr. Carter will give a talk on Credit Unions.

Lefty was beefing about his shirt the other day because it didn't have a pocket in it. Do you suppose when he bought it, he had his eye on the sales girl, more than the shirt? Could be.

Anybody in the market for a pig? Ask Norman Hinz or Volley Blackman. They went out in the country and bought up a few. Volley couldn't make up his mind to ride on the running board or in the back seat where the pigs were. Norman said he decided to ride in the back seat and the pigs squealed about it.

Clara Potts, our rhumba queen, can cut a few mean steps while working on the second shift. When you get her and Nellie to cutting up, the boys just can't resist.

See you Monday at Swayne Field when our money goes to make the overseas service men happy with a gift of cigarettes. Be there. Be a fan for a fighting man.

## Camera Club Seeks Members

Local 12 members who are interested in photography are cordially invited to attend a meeting of the Camera Club, July 20 at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. at 8:00 p. m.

Information about the club may be obtained by seeing or writing Miss Margaret Williams, secretary, 425 Winthrop St.

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# National Supply

By "Shorty" Stager

PICNIC

National Supply's annual picnic at Shady Shores was pronounced a success by all who attended it. Geo. O'Henry in charge of entertainment deserves a special vote of thanks for the fine job he did. As usual, it was the youngsters who had the best time of all; but for all of us it was a good day which we enjoyed throughly. We are now looking forward to next year's picnic and hope the war will be over by that time so we can have a lot of our boys with us.

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PERSONALITIES

Harry Paschen hard working steward of the electrician dept. is a swell fellow. Harry is one of those who never miss a Unit meeting and is always willing to extend a helping hand to his fellow-members.

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AROUND THE SHOP

When Homer Wilgus was on his vacation, the sunshine boys fixed up a dummy for a leader. As one dummy to another, I don't get it. Do you?

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Some gal from the Toledo Commutator calls Slim Studwin "Wolf".

Two of the good brothers didn't show much brotherly love recently. One of them explained that he had fallen off a horse, while the other one used the old chestnut about walking into a door in the dark.

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Our president, Mr. Burtwistle is sporting a set of palatial choppers received via the Burma Road.

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Howard and Bud Wilson were home recently on a well-deserved furlough. The boys saw service in nearly all the major Pacific battles and have returned to their ships for more active duty. Lots of luck to them both.

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Fred Schliebner, Jr., is the proud father of a baby boy, which makes two for him. Seven more young fellow and you'll have a baseball team for Fred Sr. to manage.

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Be sure and attend the next Unit meeting Sunday, July 25, and don't forget to go to the CIO Baseball Game Monday night at Swayne Field. Your cigarette gift will make some overseas service man happy and besides you will have the two-fold pleasure of seeing two good ball games and knowing that some soldier is going to thank you for your kindness.

# Rathbun Reporter

By Drexel O'Neil

Well! Well! The old Maumee River must feel better these last few days. It is getting a daily transfusion of Type 1, Grade A, aqua. The drinking fountains are again spouting that superlative ice-cold well water. It has been a long wait, extending through some unpleasantly hot weather, but all is well again.

Get out and vote this year boys. The big guys at the top of this so-called democracy are in need of chastisment. Let's be sure that we are registered, so that we may at least put the right stones in the foundation. The Labor Candidates are not communistic or radical; they are good American Citizens who, by training and inclination, are prepared to proceed on the fact that the Laboring Man and Woman should be strongly represented on the political front.

Our senior partner seems to be taking quite an interest in the assembly methods lately. He is about 20 years late. A progressive mind makes for an expanding business. If the foundry would have been kept in step with the world it would not be now necessary to farm out our work. The same thing goes for the machine shop. A modern well equipped factory pays more dividends and better wages. Is that a partial answer to our present predicament?

During his vacation, Bob Bargy visited down home a few days then tore his motor down only to find that he could not obtain the needed replacement parts. Put together again, the motor sounded almost like new. That's because Bob has a way with engines.

The hymn-sing this week will now close with all (I hope) singing "I will Meet You by the River By and By—Buttonwood on August 9th.

Buy your tickets for the CIO Cigarette Fund Drive Ball Games. Better, still, attend the game and make it a CIO demonstration for our servicemen.

## Labels Committee Begins Project

William Healey, chairman of the Union Labels Committee, announced the opening this week of a Union Labels Products Store in the Local 12 dues office lobby.

First products to be displayed for sale is a parade hat for which orders will be taken by members of the Union Labels Committee. Orders will be taken on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Parade hats on display bear the unit name and Local 12 embroidered on each hat, which sells for 85 cents. Units are asked to place their orders as soon as possible.

Other union label items will be added from time to time until the membership will know what products bear the union label and where they may be obtained. Union goods not obtainable elsewhere will be sold in the store.

# Canco (I) Opener

By Ted Modrowski

SEEN AND HEARD

There goes Erwin Grimm, rushing around helping the new girls again . . . Benny Zielinski peering at him with envy in his eye. Pauline Ritchie informs us that Pearl Ryan and Betty Tanier were blessed with bouncing babies . . . Congratulations! Chris Clay and Herman Bailey claim to be the best hillbilly reamers in town. They've gone so far as to give instructions to the boys in the machine shop . . . Mona Polcyn and Red Lewandowski look like fugitives from a first aid class. Sophia Sczepanski is looking pert after visiting her soldier son in Louisiana . . . Swell in Toledo, isn't it, Soph? Didn't believe it at first, but Carl Voegeli says it will be wedding bells soon . . . Poor Carl. Who said Irene Stanley, too? . . . Wonder who donated the new flag pole There's Red Falkenberg looking for another argument with our war analyst and statistician, Bill Vogl. Johnny Marok and Blonde seem synonymous these days. . . . Herb Kasch really looks happy these days . . . He likes his new boss. Om, h! Here comes mine! So long for awhile.

Where Is The Kasa Blanca Room?

## She's Going----Are You?

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Wilma Wood of the UOPWA-CIO, shown above, is going to attend the big turnout at Swayne Field Monday night when the CIO Overseas Cigarette Fund Drive is concluded. Wilma has been busy getting donations for the fund and says she hopes the game will be a sellout. You wouldn't disappoint the little lady, would you?

# Your Standard of Living

By Clayton Rusch,
Chairman of Food Price Control Committee of Local 12, UAW-CIO.

In addition to the open rises in prices of food products, there are numerous ways in which prices are increased in a hidden manner.

The main form of concealed price rises is quality deterioration. While there is no actual increase in price, the quality of the article is poorer than before.

In many cases, bread is made with less and poorer ingredients and sold for the same price. In the case of meat, you now very often pay for the fat and bone which used to be trimmed away.

A second method of hidden price increases is the appearance on the market of a supposed new brand of food, while an old brand disappears. For example, certain brands of soup and coffee have disappeared from the market to be replaced by new brands made by the same respective companies and sold at a higher price.

These disguised price rises increase the cost of living to the consumer just as much as the open price rises.

The restaurants use both the open and hidden method of price rises. In the case of open price rises, the cost of meals in restaurants have skyrocketed in the last year and a half as much as 100 per cent in some cases and less than 50 per cent in very few cases. The hidden price rise is used extensively in restaurants also. This consists of cutting down the portions and cutting out certain items while still charging the same prices.

Some establishments which used to serve desserts, side dishes and salads have cut these, but the price remains the same.

GRADE LABELING

The proposal of the UAW-CIO regarding hidden price rises in food products is the establishment of grade labeling, which is being so vigorously opposed by the food industrialists.

The proposal of the UAW-CIO regarding restaurant prices is that no more than a 15 per cent increase in prices since Jan. 1, 1941, should be permitted and no decrease in quantity or quality of food served be tolerated.

Since the Little Steel formula only allows us a 15 per cent increase in wages since Jan. 1, 1941, nothing could be fairer than this.

You can help us enforce this program. Anyone who has any old menus or proof of prices charged a year or more ago in any establishment which has since raised their prices beyond 15 per cent is asked to mail this information to me. Address it, Clayton Rusch, 1330 Huron St.

## Oh Dear! Believe It or Not

MIO, July 13.—Although the leaning tower of Pisa remains a mystery to this day, assistant district supervisor Mike Summers of the conservation department has a "believe-it-or-not" explanation for the 'leaning tool shed of Oscoda County."

Superintendent Summers relates that Ted Bartow built the tool shed during the fall and winter and used calcium chloride in the concrete for the foundation. In the spring, deer, in an attempt to get the salt out of the foundation, dug a three-foot trench around the wall, which caused the foundation to cave in and the building to settle.

This strange building, which stands in a field in Oscoda County, tipped to a 45 degree angle, and the stranger story of its origin continues to intrigue visitors to the area.

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Remember what happened last fall when we neglected to register and vote?

We urge every member of Local 12 to get out immediately and register for the next election in order that we may begin to remedy the conditions which have been brought about by our preoccupation with war production.

# Airway Airings

Joe O'Hearn became the father of an 8½ lb. boy last week. Last reports were that the mother and baby were fine, and the father as well as could be expected.

Ziggy Lipinski is either getting old or it's just the waistline that gets in his way. He has a tough time picking up winning during the daily noontime penny-pitching session.

Al (The Voice of Experience) Jankowski is available—for a very modest charge, of course — for advice or consolation. It seems that there is no one in the shop that the girls would rather tell their troubles to than Big Al.

George Bick left us Tuesday and our best wishes go with him. He is to report for training as a Naval Aviation Cadet. Best of luck, George.

It's good to see Verna Wengrowski back in inspection again, after being laid up for two weeks with an infection.

Mary Koch, Virginia Robey and Virginia Pinney have done a grand job as the committee for employees in service. However, they can't do it all alone and your cooperation will be appreciated. These boys really deserve consideration.

Wanda Walker must have had SOME boat ride last week. It was enough to make her decide not to take another in the very near future.

A few weeks ago (Bob Basch) went in the laundry business and lost his pants.

Don't forget your ticket for the CIO Cigarette Fund Drive ball game. Be a fan for a fighting man.

# A-B-C of New Withholding Tax Law

1. The new "pay-as-you-go" or 20 per cent withholding tax is not a new tax or an additional tax but a new method of collecting your income tax. The new law does not change income tax rates.

2. Under the old system you paid income tax a year late on money you earned the previous year. Under the new "pay-as-you-go" method you pay income tax on 1943 income during 1943, bit by bit, pay day by pay day.

3. The new tax goes into effect July 1, 1943, and all payrolls beginning on or after July 1, 1943, are subject to the new law.

4. Every employee should immediately fill out a Withholding Exemption Certificate and file with his employer. This exemption certificate will tell whether you are married or single and how many dependents you have. Unless this certificate is filed 20% deduction will be taken from your gross pay.

5. Exemptions are $12.00 for the taxpayer, another $12.00 for a wife, and $6.00 each for children.

In the case of a married man with three children, exemptions would total $42.00. If the taxpayer's wage was $76.00 per week, he would pay 20 per cent tax on $34.00, which would amount to $6.80.

6. The new 20 per cent withholding tax includes the present five per cent victory tax.

7. Employers will turn deductions over to the Collector of Internal Revenue with their quarterly returns; or if the employer has enough employees to make aggregate deductions from all employees, $100.00 or more each month, he will deposit that money monthly in a bank which will turn it over to the Treasury of the United States. In either event, this money stands to the taxpayers' credit as pre-payment of income tax. The employers will not withhold the five per cent victory tax after the last payroll that begins in June, 1943. All payrolls beginning on or after July 1, 1943, are subject to the new law, and the victory tax is included in the 20 per cent withheld.

8. Employers are permitted to use the "wage bracket tables" which are written in the law setting out definite amounts to be withheld each pay day. For example, in the case of a married employee with three dependents whose weekly wage is anywhere between $50.00 and $60.00, the employer is permitted to withhold the flat amount of $2.60 per week instead of requiring him to figure the exact amount for each individual employee. The amount of tax withheld may be slightly different from an exact computation at 20 per cent, but if a little less than the actual 20 per cent is withheld, the taxpayer may have a small balance to pay March 15. If the withholding is a trifle more than the exact 20 per cent, the employee will have a credit coming to him March 15.

9. For a majority of taxpayers, that is people with incomes upon which tax amounts to $50.00 or less for either 1942 or 1943, the whole tax for the smaller year would be forgiven.

10. Shortly after the close of the year, or with the last pay if you stop working before the end of the year, your employer is required to give you a receipt showing the total amount of tax deducted and withheld from your pay during the year. If the amount withheld during the year owed, any overpayment of taxes amounts to more than the tax will be refunded or credited. If you change employment, your employer is required to give you a receipt showing the total amount of tax withheld with your last pay.

11. There is no withholding tax from the pay of (1) personnel of the armed services, (2) ministers of the gospel, (3) all persons engaged in domestic service, and (4) all persons engaged in agricultural service. These people will be required to pay their income tax out of their current income by filing a return showing their estimated tax, and pay such tax quarterly.

# Willys Seeing Eye

By Claude Hess

ABSENTEE CONGRESS

It gripes me to see Congress vote itself a two-month vacation (with pay) after all the baloney it has been slinging around for the past six months about absenteeism.

It doesn't make any difference to the workers whether Congress takes a vacation or not. In fact, we would just as soon see most of them take a permanent vacation; but the idea of that bunch of bloated politicians giving us hell about absenteeism and trying to make a mountain out of a molehill and then becoming the champion absentees of the war is a dandy.

Personally, I think Congress is worth more to labor when it's away from Washington than when it's there, and all I need do to prove it is to point to the Smith-Connally bill and a few other specimens of its pig-headedness and you'll know what I mean.

With Congress sitting under a shade tree and sipping mint juleps and other drinks from now until the middle of September, we can breathe easy; but, and this is a big but, we can still put a lot of these congressmen on a permanent vacation by going to the Board of Elections, 217 Superior St., and registering to vote. LET'S EVEN THE SCORE IN '44.

CIGARETTE FUND

Out here at the Overland we realize what our soldier boys like, and each month we send our own boys a box of presents which they really appreciate.

Thousands of letters of thanks written to the Willys Unit inform us that cigarettes are one gift that is appreciated as much or more than anything else we send.

Knowing this we should all buy a ticket for the big night at Swayne Field, next Monday night and make other Toledo servicemen happy. You can't go wrong for a dollar on a proposition like this, and I hope that every worker in the Willys-Overland will make it a point to give something to this good cause.

BE A FAN FOR A FIGHTING MAN!

Our unit has never taken a back place when it comes to doing good things for our servicemen, and I hope we will not fail this time.

# The Acklinite

By Lewis Mattox

Unit team will play a practice game, against the Millwrights. Both teams claim they are going to win. It is to be played July 14 at Highland Park No. 1. A good crowd is expected.

Brother George Novak was home on leave from the Army visiting his Uncle Tony Novak.

Brother Stanley Antoneski was home on leave and came to the shop to say hello to all of the brothers and sisters. We are glad to see him.

Anna Urdonia is sick and is in Women's and Children's Hospital.

Sister Eppie Johnson, Stanley Scynanski and Steve Wislek are reported ill. The trustees are on their job and taking care of people.

It is told around that brother Caren is going to the Seebees.

Ollie Grove is steward on the big line at nights.

The CIO cigarette drive is going good. A large part of our shop contributed to this good cause. Do your part in this drive and buy your tickets to the ball game. Ollie Trzekliski is to represent the Acklin Unit of Local 12 committee.

JONES DEFENSE CALLED SMOKE SCREEN

WASHINGTON (FP)—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones' 30-page justification of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which he heads, was tagged as a "smoke screen" or his obstruction and business-as-usual methods by Executive Director Milo Perkins of the Board of Economic Warfare.

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## Labor's Summer

There will be no lying down on Labor's political front this summer simply because Congress has gone on a long recess.

While the immediate danger to Labor has been lessened and absenteeism increased by several hundred Washington legislators, there is a job to do to get into a position where Congress will listen when it has rested up away from the heat of the capital.

Instead of sitting back and thanking our lucky stars that Congress did adjourn for the hot months, we should be grateful for the opportunity to prepare for the resumption of Congress, and leave no stones unturned to present our case backed by the millions of workers of the country.

Labor now has an opportunity to turn from defensive to offensive action. It must present such a strong case for price rollbacks, subsidy payments and other urgently needed measures, that Congress will hesitate to refuse to pass the much-needed legislation.

Not only must Labor seek positive legislation; but it must use every means at its command to wipe out the anti-union and harmful legislation which has been passed during the present session of the Congress.

Nor does Labor's job stop there during this two-month breathing space, for it must also anticipate and prepare for the additional legislation which is going to be aimed at it by the reactionary interests of the country.

What Congress does now and in the coming year is going to determine to a considerable extent what kind of a country we are going to live in when the war is finished. If we can present a strong united front, we shall be able to hold our gains until 1944, and then sweep out of office those who have sought and will continue to seek to destroy us.

## Let's Keep Going

With the military fortunes of the Allies looking up, there is a tendency on the part of many people to take it for granted that the war is practically won.

Such a smug frame of mind is harmful to the war effort, for it tends to give those who are so confident that victory is assured, the feeling that they can rest on their oars because it's all over but the shouting.

As a matter of fact, the war is very likely going to continue on, for this country at least, for many months. If Germany and Italy were to quit tomorrow, which they certainly will not, it will take us many months to defeat the Japanese.

Naval authorities tell us that if the Americans and Australians were to take an island a day from the Japs, it would require the better part of four years before we could get to Japan proper. This should be a sobering thought, for while the Japs probably will not be defeated by taking one island after another, it will take many months before Japan itself can be beaten to her knees.

This war has been summed up briefly in the words, "It's kill or be killed. It's all or nothing." With that thought in mind, let's keep going. Let's continue to produce the ships, guns, ammunition, planes and other necessary materials of war, and let's keep it up until the last gun is fired and victory is definitely ours.

## What Price Conservation

Governor John Bricker has for years sought to create the impression that he was a conservationist.

On many occasions, Governor Bricker has addressed himself to the citizens of Ohio, to sportsmen, to the general public and to the school children of Ohio proclaiming his devotion to the cause of conservation.

In the light of what has occured at Reno Beach, and the governor's indifference two years ago, it is doubtful if Mr. Bricker is as sincerely devoted to the cause of conservation as he is to the political fortunes of Governor John Bricker.

Residents of Reno Beach are not interested in what Mr. Bricker has said about conservation, but what he has done or intends to do about conserving their homes and property and protecting them against the ravages of Lake Erie. They want action and not pious lip service from those whose duties include the conserving of the resources and homes of the people of Ohio.

# On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain.

**WAR IS EVIL**

The worst thing about this war, or any war, for that matter, is the evil effect it has on the character of the people involved. During periods of peace, man's better nature comes to the front, and the business of educating people to understand each other proceeds at a steady rate of progress. But in war-time the educational process by which men learn to live in harmony comes to an abrupt halt and marks time for the duration.

Clayton W. Fountain

When the tools of peace are laid aside for the weapons of war, the milk of human kindness, curdles in the breast of mankind, and huge masses of men become subjected to the degrading influence of brutality, beastliness, blind hatred and cruelty.

No matter how noble the ideals for which a war is being waged, the principles of human decency tend to get lost in the melee.

**LOSE SENSE OF FAIRNESS**

Most people lose their natural sense of fairness in the course of a war. An example of this is found in much of the propaganda being circulated in America today. Consider, for instance, the newsreels dealing with the present conflict.

A current film shows the conditions on the island of Malta, a British outpost in the Mediterranean Sea, which has practically been reduced to a shambles by Axis air raids. The verbal commentary accompanying the film places a strong emphasis on the sad plight of the mothers and children who inhabit the embattled isle.

The ordinary audience is, of course, deeply moved by the tone of such a film. A deep and burning hatred is aroused against the Axis enemy who so brutally bombs a spot occupied by devoted mothers and helpless little babies.

**ONE-SIDED REACTION**

The reaction to such propaganda is almost totally one-sided. It seldom enters the mind of the indignant audience that somewhere in the enemy lands there are German, Italian and Japanese mothers, with babes in their anxious arms, on whom American bombs are falling with equal fury.

Are the mothers and children of the enemy nations any less helpless, innocent, fearful or full of love and devotion simply because they happen to be on the other side? What does a German, Italian or Japanese baby know of the glories that attach to militarism, imperialism, democracy or the Four Freedoms?

If this war is really being fought for democracy and human decency, these are questions that we need to think about and answer in our hearts.

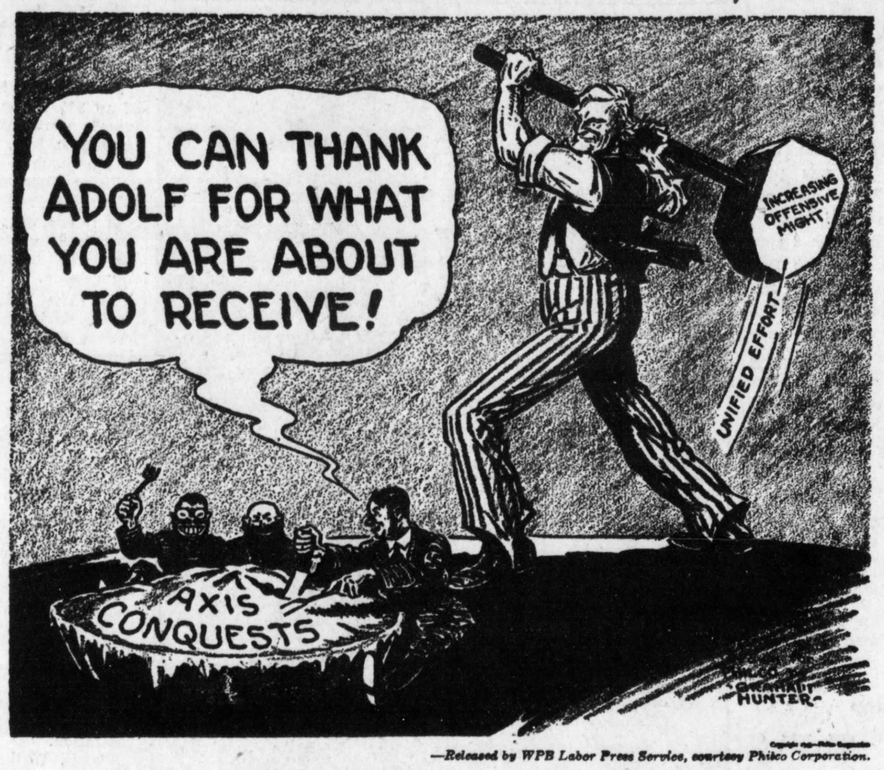
**A PROBLEM FOR UNION PEOPLE**

Union people, especially, need to concern themselves with the task of keeping human decency alive during this war. Blind hatred is totally at odds with the foundations of human fellowship upon which the labor movement has been built. In this period of bestiality, bitterness and abandonment to the emotions, the future of civilization demands that some strong force act constantly to remind men to keep their shirts on and their heads in gear with their hearts.

The labor movement is that strong force. It is second to no other social institution in its faith in the fundamental decency of man. Union labor understands that this war will be won by vanquishing the false ideas, as well as the armies, of the Axis enemy—and not by giving ourselves up to blind, unreasonable hatred of innocent victims behind the enemy lines.

The temptation to fight fire with fire is strong, but if we give in to it, we will have joined the enemy—instead of defeating him.

## As Ye Sow----

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# It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

**WORLD PEACE**

With the invasion of Sicily, hopes and plans for peace increase by leaps and bounds.

As the United Nations come closer to final overthrow of the Axis, the number and variety of the peace plans will increase, for the hopes of men and women will soar with the growing success of our armies.

O. J. Pecord

In casting about for a plan which we hope will bring about a lasting peace, we are inclined to view the symptoms of the disease of war rather than the causes. We see the armaments, demagogues, brutality, hatred, bloodshed, waste and destruction, and seek to eliminate the symptoms rather than the real factor which brings them about.

**FORCE**

Many of the peace plans now under discussion call for international police forces, meeting armament building with bigger armaments, nullifying growing armies with larger armies. Such plans, always based on force, or on a ganging up of many nations upon the offending nation, is not the answer to the prevention of war or the stabilization of peace.

What kind of a peace we are going to have, and how enduring the peace will be, is going to depend upon how we in this country settle our post-war problems. It is going to depend upon how England, Russia, China and the other nations fighting for the four freedoms are going to solve their problems.

And the problems of peace are not in the realm of physical force, of guns, and armies, and navies, and tanks, and war planes; but in the realm of economics.

We cannot hope for lasting peace if we attempt to impose the evils of a planned economy of scarcity upon our own country and expect the rest of the world to respect and further the four precious freedoms.

We cannot expect lasting peace if we ignore the poverty and miserable conditions of other peoples.

**NOT A DREAM**

Peace based upon economic justice is not a wild dream of a starry-eyed visionary, but the practical application of the contributions which science and invention have given to us to make possible an economy of plenty.

In the beginning of the industrial revolution, when steam power was the motivating force which ran the machines, industrialization was limited, and for good reason. Coal, which supplied the source of the power which ran the machines, was not widely distributed. England, Germany and the United States were the only countries which had sufficient coal deposits to take care of the requirements of its growing industry.

With the coming of hydro-electric power, the situation is changing. Most of the countries of the world have water, and in an era when electricity produced from water power is on the increase, have thereby secured the means of running the machines without coal.

**NEW DISCOVERIES**

The problem of securing raw materials for industries is, to a very considerable extent, being solved by new discoveries which in time will use the products of agriculture as the basis for industrial development.

Nitrogen, which was formerly found principally in Chile, now is extracted from the air. Magnesium is now being mined from sea water. Synthetics and plastics are new products with untold possibilities, while the light metals, aluminum and magnesium, have practically produced a new industrial revolution.

In the face of the new discoveries, there isn't a reason in the world why countries which have no industry today should not have plants once the war is over. There isn't a reason in the world why the Argentine should not become an industrial as well as an agricultural nation.

**CLASH**

While science marches forward with its new discoveries and inventions, the countries less favorably situated are going to want to develop economically. The people of these backward countries are going to overcome the old mental habits and are going to reach out seeking a better life. They are going to want cars, and trucks, and nylon hose, and plastics, and all the other things which the more advanced nations have, and, in the grasping for these things, they may clash with the other nations, which, for economic reasons, seek to maintain things as they are.

Thus, the efforts of the great powers to prevent the small and backward nations from securing the more abundant life may become the basis for new wars. Unless sanity prevails and the people of the powerful nations force a correct solution to the problems of the small or backward nations, war will surely come again.

**OUR SOLUTION**

In the end, we return to the point that the solution to the problem of peace depends upon the way we solve our own problem. If we return to free enterprise, international cartels, an economy of scarcity and the elements which lead to this war, then we are not far from more wars, each one more devastating to civilization than the one which preceded it.

# It's A Great System

By John Paine

**WE COULD PAY THEM TO STAY HOME**

Rep. Albert J. Engel (R., Mich.) is sore because on his recent tour of midwestern war plants he found a girl making $65 a week.

We know a lot of people who get sore because congressmen get paid at all.

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If you measure their pay in terms of their contribution to the war effort, certain representatives and senators would owe the government money.

Of course, it would probably take logarithms to figure it out—astronomical figures are always a little unwieldly for the layman.

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Just try to figure out, for example, what Martin Dies would owe the American people if they charged him for damages to the war effort.

Hitler never would get through paying the bill.

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**LITTLE LUTHER**

"Maybe things will straighten out down in Washington now," said Mr. Dilworth, laying down his paper and picking up his napkin.

"Has congress suddenly decided to go after the crooks who are mulcting the government on war orders, Pop?" asked Luther, reaching for his glass of milk.

"Those men you call crooks, Luther, are fine patriotic citizens, sacrificing for their country. They left jobs paying them $200,000 and $300,000 a year."

"And now they are nicking Uncle Sam for $400,000. At that rate, they will sacrfiice themselves right into a billion dollars—if the war lasts long enough."

"Luther, sometimes I think you've been listening to those union people. Or you just don't try to understand. Anyway, I was thinking of Jesse Jones and the way he put Vice-President Wallace in his place."

"What stirred him up now? Did somebody ask him to fight Hitler instead of the American people?"

"No, of course not. Mr. Wallace attacked his patriotism and his honesty. Imagine! Questioning the honesty of a man who is sacrificing—that is, er, ah, who is neglecting his business interests to perform a public service!"

"You almost slipped that time, Pop. Is he one of those fellows who made thousands at home and millions in Washington—neglecting his business contacts? I'd like to be neglected that way."

"Haven't you finished your supper yet, Luther? What's that smirk on your ace?"

"Oh, Father, I was just thinking: If only our enemies had a Jesse Jones, too!"

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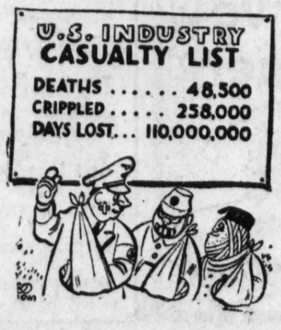
**WOW!**

The best headline we saw on the story of Congress' adjournment was in PM, New York tabloid. It read:

CONGRESS ADJOURNS—
ABSENTEEISM NOW
OFFICIAL.




# What's New

By Edward Duck,
Educational Director,
Local 12, UAW-CIO

**IT'S PROVOKING**

The various statements of the War Labor Board in regard to substandard wages and the cost of living have brought forth a fair share of caustic remarks from working people, and rightly so!

Edward J. Duck

Personally I would like nothing better than to watch the long-haired boys with all the "book larnin'" sweat and toil in one of the Local 12 heat treating plants. I'd even settle for the pleasure of sentencing a few of these well-educated gentlemen to an eight-hour stretch in the Willys-Overland sandblast operation. Or perhaps we could find a more objectionable task for them to perform, like foundry work, or what the boys in one of the plants all joke about—a dirty chore known as "degreasing."

If we wanted to be really downright mean we could dig up my old job at the Auto-Lite before the war, and let them reduce a bit. It was known as the pulley job, and was so undesirable that bids were posted for six months at a time without any bidders bothering to qualify.

What I mean is this: I personally don't like to hear someone tell us that our rates are OK unless that person would be willing to accept the rate himself if he were in the worker's place. Oh, it's all right to judge others, and it's all right to decide when someone else doesn't need more money, but just remember that a lot of people who are engaged in arbitration, conciliation, and all that sort of thing have their eyes focused on post-war jobs paying pretty nice salaries.

**MUST PLEASE**

In order to be acceptable to both management and labor it is necessary that these brainy gentlemen hand both parties a pretty generous portion of blarney and try to please both factions in a dispute. They give the union security and try to sell the company on the idea; they try to write in arbitration clauses, possibly because arbitration is their business, and they may be professional arbitrators when the two parties or other parties start feuding again after the war; and finally, they weave a bond of everlasting friendship with the management by giving the workers about one-third of what they should have gotten in the way of wage increases and adjustments.

This is being brutally frank about the matter, but it's true. Let's stop kidding ourselves about the War Labor Board and some of the "public" members of the panels. What it really is is a two-to-one set-up with the workers on the short end of the count.

What if the CIO withdrew from the National War Labor Board? I wonder if the long-haired boys ever thought of this. We're getting our fill of all this business, and we're not exactly stupid. Neither will we be fooled after the war, because anyone who does not give us a square deal will be strictly out in the cold. One trimming from each individual will cook his post-war goose, and we don't mean maybe!

**LET 'EM WORK**

So I say, put them into the shops and let them get a little practical experience. Maybe they won't think that 75 cents per hour is such an extravagant wage for laborers if they have to do the laborer's work and feed a family after being taxed to death.

I'll devote a little more space to the "public" members in a later issue, but for the time being, let's think over the proposition of offering the technical experts an opportunity to gain some very practical experience. Let them put the shoe on the other foot and see how it feels. Somehow, I don't think they'd care to wear it.

# Servicemen's Letters

### It's D— Hot

Dear Committee:

In your last bulletin you say that it rained 27 days during May. I can't quite match that, but can tell you that we have been drilling and training with 125 degrees temperatures. I don't mean that we have fevers, but the sun really pours down on us here in Mississippi.

Most of us would rather be on our way over to bury the ax in the Axis, but it seems the Army wants us to have a certain amount of training before we go.

Sure appreciate the check, as we do run out of cash and cigarettes. I am enclosing a snapshot if you can find any use for it. You can tell the gang to just keep up the production and we'll do the rest.

Cpl. Maurice Avers,

# Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

**POLITICAL ACTION**

With Congress on the absentee list, labor will have an opportunity to work for two months, or until Congress returns to Washington, reforming its lines and making plans to carry out its program.

Richard Gosser

Ever since the present Congress took office in January of this year, labor has been on the defensive. We who saw the handwriting on the wall, when labor neglected to vote last fall, realized soon after Congress began its deliberations that we were up against a tough proposition.

Worst of all the anti-labor legislation to come out of Congress was the Smith-Connally anti-strike bill, a bill which has been so thoroughly denounced that I doubt if I could add anything to what has already been said about it. Congress has opposed labor, not only by passing anti-labor legislation, but by playing into the hands of the Farm Bloc, by destroying the equality of sacrifice of the President's executive order limiting salaries to $25,000 annually; by refusing to subsidize price rollbacks, and in general, doing everything that we of labor did not want it to do.

**A BREAK**

The two-month Congressional recess impresses me as being a good break for the country in general and for labor in particular, for it will give us an opportunity to perfect our plans and organization, which will have for their purpose the securing of the things which labor desires.

It is my belief that one of the most important things that can be done to stabilize our war economy is the rolling back of the price level which we have advocated for the past several months. I believe that in order to do this, we must convince our representatives who are, or soon will be home, that we have the votes and that we are no going to be kidded along indefinitely on this position.

It impresses me as being a good idea that our members take this opportunity of contacting our Congressmen in person if convenient, or by letter, and discuss our problems with them. Such a contact would be extremely valuable, not only to [illegible] but to the Congressmen and Senators.

I believe that Congressman Ramey has, on the whole, been quite fair to labor, and I also believe that Mr. Ramey has every desire to continue along the same line which he has followed, so far as labor is concerned, since he began his term.

**AN INVITATION**

I think it would be a good idea to even invite Senator Harold Burton to speak at a meeting of the UAW-CIO and other unions when he comes here in the near future to speak at a peace conference.

I do not believe that we can ever secure the things which we desire by sitting back expecting our leadership to do the whole job. Your leaders need and must have the backing of the entire organization. They must be able to convince our public officials that they speak with authority, and that behind them they have thousands of workers who are backing them to the limit.

# A Message

Melvin Schultz,
President, Local 12, UAW-CIO.

**PRICE ROLLBACKS**

There are several things which I wish to discuss with our members this week which are, in my opinion, highly important.

First of all, I want to compliment the members of Local 12 for the fine showing they have made in signing the price rollback petitions which have been circulating in the shops. More than this, I think our people who have secured many signatures outside our membership deserve special commendation.

Melvin Schultz

While it is true that Congress has adjourned until September, we welcome the opportunity to redouble our efforts to secure additional thousands of signatures which will be sent in to Washington at the proper time, and to the right people.

It is only by such unity of action that we can prevail upon our Congress to do something to help the workers, and I am particularly gratified to see such a large and representative show of protest against the inequalities of the present time.

**GOOD NEWS**

Good news came from Washington to the effect that the National War Labor Board is being streamlined and that machinery is being put into effect which will enable us to receive the answer to our petitions, appeals, and other difficulties which must go before the Board, in from three to four weeks.

I am sure that all our people, particularly members of our executive shop committees, will receive this news with a feeling of satisfaction, because one of the greatest difficulties which we have had has been in the long delays which have intervened between the time we send our briefs to the WLB and the time we receive an answer.

**CIGARETTE FUND**

The third thing for which I ask the support of the officers and members of Local 12 is the Overseas Cigarette Fund Drive conducted by the Toledo Industrial Union Council.

I know of no finer way to show our appreciation for what our soldiers are doing for their country than to remember them in a small way; but a way they will appreciate.

If it is at all possible, and I am sure it is for most of us, we should give to this cause. If you can do so, give 50 cents, or buy a ticket to the ball game. But give something, no matter how small, to make our soldiers happy.

### They Envy Him

Dear Mr. Gosser:

I was very glad to receive the gift box which the Unit sent me. The boys down here would believe a union would send such a nice box. I t[illegible] them about Local 12 and they said they wished they could belong to such a swell union.

How are the brothers and sisters at the Overland getting along? Is production still going along fast like it was before I left? I hope it is because the more production the sooner the war will end. I want to thank you for the gift box and the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL. I really enjoy reading it.

Pvt. Thaddeus Janiszewski,
Camp Shelby, Miss.

# HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

## Children Need Good, Wholesome Foods At Their Parties

Simple parties help make children at ease with their friends, do a lot toward laying the foundations for their social success. Watch them enjoy playing host and hostess as this little pair is doing.

How do you rate with your younger generation? Are you content when you keep them clean, get them off to school, and give them some extra tutoring when they need it in English or math?

Yes, that in itself is a big job, and you are doing a big job if you have that part in smooth, running order. Notice. I didn't say whole job, because unless you provide for healthy recreation and play, the child is not getting his rightful shares and start in life.

Future Americans must be a social as well as business success to be wholesome and happy. To prepare the child for this, you must provide him with a social and recreational outlet — and that means an occasional party to which to invite younger friends so the child is at ease in his role as host or hostess.

There's a certain excitement at children's parties which easily upsets their tummies, and the best way to handle them is to have nourishing, wholesome food, rather than "partified" dishes which will upset them even more. You'll find cooperation from other mothers if you let them know you will do everything to make her children at ease.

Let your decoration be a bit fussy and party-ish, of course, but keep to the sensible on the food. Have table favors, of course, for this carries out the theme and the children adore it. It stimulates conversation and keeps things going smoothly.

Fresh salmon steaks may be used in making the flaked called for in this recipe. Serve it on small toast rounds and the children will adore it:

*Salmon Timbales.

(Serves 8)

4 eggs, slightly beaten
2 cups milk
1 cup bread crumbs
½ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons chopped pimento
1 pound salmon, flaked
1 teaspoon paprika
2tablespoons shortening
1 teaspoon onion juice
8 toast rounds
Parsley

Add butter and bread crumbs to hot milk, then stir until all soaked. Add slightly beaten eggs, flaked salmon (steam fresh salmon 8 to 10 minutes, then flake,) pimento, salt, paprika and onion juice.

Pour into buttered timbale or greased custard cups. Bake in a pan of hot water in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 15 to 20 minutes. Unmold on toast rounds, garnish with parsley and serve.

Few children would pass up this delicious cheese 'n bread dish—it's delicious and good for them, too!

Children's Party Menu

*Salmon Timbales on Toast Rounds
Celery Hearts
Carrot Hearts
Carrot Strips
*Orange Juice with Orange Sherbet
*Peanut Butter Cookies
*Recipes Given

Cheese Fondue.

(Serves 6)

3 eggs, separated
1 cup grated cheese
1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon butter
½ teaspoon salt

Beat egg yolks until lemon colored. Cook cheese, bread crumbs, milk, butter and salt over low heat, stirring constantly. Add beaten egg yolks. Fold in stiffy beaten whites. Pour into a well-greased casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until inserted knife comes out clean.

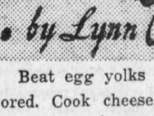
An afternoon party menu may consist of assorted sandwiches.

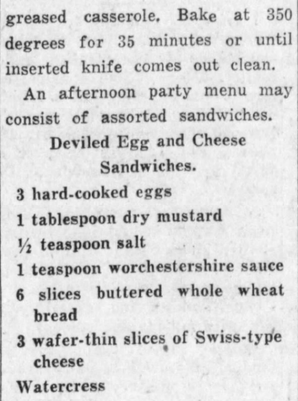
Deviled Egg and Cheese Sandwiches.

3 hard-cooked eggs
1 tablespoon dry mustard
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon worchestershire sauce
6 slices buttered whole wheat bread
3 wafer-thin slices of Swiss-type cheese
Watercress
Dill pickles

Cut eggs, crosswise and into halves. Mash yolks and blend with mustard, salt and worcestershire sauce, mixing well. Fill the whites. Cut eggs into thin slices and arrange on three slices of bread. Top egg slices with cheese and a second piece of bread. Cut in halves and garnish with watercress and dill pickles.

A citrus fruit drink is refreshing, fine for keeping up young spirits busy at play during party time. Keep all the flavor in the orange juice plus valuable vitamin C by squeezing it only just before serving. To have chilled juice, chill whole oranges in refrigerator before extracting juice.





**Wholesome drink with a party air is this cool glass of orange juice topped prettily with orange sherbet, decorated springs of mint and whole raspberries. Orange float will keep you cool and full of pep, for vitamin C helps mitigate effects of heat.**

*Orange Sherbet

1½ cups sugar
1 cup water
2 egg whites stiffly beaten
2cups orange juice
3 tablespoons lemon juice

Boil sugar and water together for 5 minutes. Beat egg whites slowly and add to fruit juices. Mix all ingredients and pour into freezing tray of mechanical refrigerator. Freeze stiff, then beat thoroughly. Return to freezing compartment and freeze until stiff.

*Peanut Butter Cookies.

(Makes 2 dozen)

1½ cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
⅓ cup honey
3 tablespoons corn syrup
¼ cup peanut butter
⅓ cup shortening
Apple butter

Sift all dry ingredients together. Cream shortening, add to peanut butter, honey and corn syrup. Add flour and roll dough into size you prefer for finished cookies. Chill for 15 minutes. Cut into thin slices and top half of them with apple butter. Cover with a second slice of dough and seal as for a tart. Bake in a slow oven (325 degrees) for 25 minutes.

*Are you having difficulies planning meals with points? Stretching your meats? Lynn Chambers can give you help if you write her, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply, in care of her at Western Union, 210 South Desplaines Street, Chicago, Illinois.*

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## Hollywood Lot

JIM CROW MOVIES

HOLLYWOOD (FP)—Hollywood films in which Negroes appear are being called in for Jim Crow treatment, according to Daily Variety. Outbreaks of race rioting in different parts of the country are given as the reason.

Pictures with Negro casts are being pulled off the market entirely, according to the report. Others in which Negro talent appears incidentally will have those parts eliminated from prints released in the south.

HOLLYWOOD TREATMENT

Special editing for a particular section of the U. S. is of course pure appeasement of racial troublemakers. However, a general elimination of scenes of Negroes as Hollywood traditionally depicts them could be roundly applauded. Particularly if films with intelligent and realistic treatment of Negro characters were forthcoming.

Such treatment can be hoped for in Lifeboat, which Alfred Hitchcock will direct for 20th-Fox, and for which Canada Lee, the Negro lead of the play, Native Son, has been engaged.

A current example of obnoxious representation of the Negro as content with poverty and childish religion is MGM's Cabin in the Sky. This has beautiful singing and excellent performances and is said to be drawing plenty of profits—attributed in the trade to increased Negro patronage of theaters showing it. If so, Negroes are paying their money to be told in a parable that it is a waste of money to give a Negro more than his bare needs.

Through the apologetic device of a dream fantasy, Cabin in the Sky seems to make it appear that if Negroes would stick to homely tasks they could be happy in their slums—and perhaps could even brighten their homes by buying a General Electric washer.

PUNISHMENT: World premiere of the film Roger Touhy, Last of the Gangsters, is set at the State penitentiary, where Touhy is doing time. Law officers and the governor of Illinois will attend. Touhy hasn't been invited.

DISILLUSIONMENT: The boys in the South Seas have sent word to Hollywood that they want no more South Sea island romances. They've discovered that native chieftains' daughters don't look like Dorothy Lamour.

CENSORSHIP: In Paramount's Four Angels, Fred MacMurray comes home from a defense job at 4 a. m. and ousts a helmeted worker he finds sleeping in his bed. As the worker stumbles drowsily from the room, the helmet comes off and long blond hair is revealed (Betty Hutton's). Says MacMurray: "Me and my big mouth!" The Hays office killed the scene as improper. Paramount then did it over with the line: "Why can't I keep my big mouth shut?" That's OK and stays in.

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Bob Murphy, who runs a Hollywood chophouse, has gone to work as an actor in Warners' Shine On, Harvest Moon. His ad announcing this puts on a P. S.: "Yes, we still have a little meat and potatoes—but what gravy!"

CODE: Fannie Brice got a wire from officers and crew of a submarine of the eastern fleet saying: "Baby Snooks is no longer a virgin." Their sub is the Baby Snooks. All they meant was that it had done damage to Axis craft.

## 139 Violators Are Arrested

COLUMBUS, July 13 — Ohio game protectors made 139 arrests regulations during the month of for violations of the fish and game June, Lester C. Bailey, Chief of the Law Enforcement Section of the Ohio Division of Conservation, reported to Conservation Commissioner Don Waters today.

All resulted in convictions and fines totaled -3,055, with costs aggregating $703.10, of which $401 in fines and $18.70 in costs were remitted by justices of the peace hearing the cases.

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## She Shall Have Music

**Pat Dane should never want for a tune these days. The pretty M-G-M starlet, who will be seen next on the screen in "I Dood It," starring Red Skelton, is now the wife of Tommy Dorsey, whose music can be heard (and seen) in Metro's "Du Barry Was a Lady," also starring Skelton with Lucille Ball and Gene Kelly.**

## Fishing With Bill Watt

STATE LAKES

There are 15 state owned lakes and parks in the state of Ohio and under lease to the conservation department and additional fishing and recreational facilities in Ashland, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton Harrison, Noble, Richland and Tuscarawas counties. These total 11 counties and in them there are 13,150 acres of water in which fishing is permitted.

In northwestern Ohio, Cascade Park in Putnam County on U. S. 24 and St. Marys Lake and Grand Reservoir Park in Auglaize and Mercer Counties on State Route 33 are the closest.

REALISTIC BAIT

Knowing the stream you are fishing and the intelligent use of whatever lure you use are two of the most important things in bass fishing. In the use of a lure representing a mouse or frog it is important to follow as closely as possible the action of the living creature.

It is better to cast the frog or mouse lure onto the bank and let it fall into the water naturally as possible. In the case of the mouse, one should let it lie still for a moment and then start to "swim it" a short way, stop for a rest and then continue in short runs. With the frog, it would start swimming immediately and hence would be reeled from the moment of its drop from the bank.

TAKE IT EASY

Attempts to get a healthy outdoor appearance in a few days or over the week-end result only in a severe case of sunburn and considerable discomfort. Better take it easy and get a gradual coating of the good old tan and feel better the days after.

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For the prospective anglers about to make a trip into new territory it might be well to write or inquire previously as to the best waters and spots to fish. This will save considerable time and, more important, be a lot easier on the gas ration card.

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A new condensed fishing kit is on the market and this kit is now standard issue for all life boats, rafts and launches used by the government in Coast Guard patrol as well as naval and army aviators flying over the seas, and the merchant marine.

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Wisconsin, one of the states widely known as an anglers' paradise, has 7,000 lakes and 10,000 miles of streams, all well stocked by the State Conservation Commission.

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As a conservation measure the Boy Scouts of America are sponsoring the move now gaining headway to plant a tree for each fighter enrolled in the armed services of the country. Not only will they serve as a living tribute to the soldiers, sailors and marines, but they will also aid in conservation and furnish needed lumber for years to come.

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The fishing reports this past week have not been any too hot. As a matter of fact it seems more than possible that a few more "liars have been born," or just burst forth from their scaly covering or whatever it is that a memmer of this species emanates from.

Unless some of the stories coming in do not tame down a little we are going to arrange a "Liars' Club" for fishermen and let the bars and our hair down.

## Local 12 Loses Close One

Local 12, UAW-CIO City Federation team lost another ball game Sunday by the close score of 2 to 1, giving up the ghost to the Zidlitz Meats in a hotly contested game which was determined by the breaks of the game rather than sparkling baseball.

Lee Naugle did the hurling for the Zidlitz nine and was hot. The Local 12 lads connected for two safe hits although his control was not too good.

Boris Eloff started for the Local 12 team and went five innings, giving up the run that proved to be the margin of victory. Red Snyder of Zidlitz got a flukey home run when a fly ball bounced out of outfielder Shanteau's glove and went into the creek at Ottawa Park. This proved to be the run that defeated the UAW team.

Al Vinson took up the UAW burden on the mound in the sixth inning and held the Zidlitz scoreless.

Local 12 scored its lone run in the first inning and thereafter could not get to Lee Naugle. Bob Burkart drove in the lone Local 12 run when his single scored Joe Barbara from second.

There will be another game Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at Merrill Field when the Local 12 team plays the Milford A. C. This should prove a good game and get the UAW boys in good shape for the Monday night game at Swayne Field when they will play the Spicer Mfg. Co., team at the CIO Cigarette Fund Drive closing.

## Wingard Pitches One-Hitter

Pitcher Wingard of the Standard Commutator turned in the outstanding pitching performance in the Local 12 Softball League last Tuesday night, striking out 19 Auto-Lite batters and giving up but one run.

Score of the Commutator-Auto-Lite game was 3 to 1 in favor of Commutator. Despite the loss, the Auto-Lite team showed marked improvement and should manage to improve its position in the league.

The other game reported was the Swartzbaugh-Acklin game in which the Swartzbaughs nosed out Acklin to 4. Knoik pitched for Swartzbaugh and looked good.

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## Weekly Sports Review

BE A FAN

When next Monday night rolls around, we fully expect to see an overflow crowd at the ball games which will mark the end of the CIO Cigarette Fund Drive at Swayne Field.

Lots of experts are picking the Spicer team to defeat the Local 12 crew; but I'm not so sure they will, but even if they do, you'll see a good ball game. And that isn't all—

You'll see our up-and-coming Mud Hens, who are slowly but surely crawling up the percentage column and are not so far removed from first place. It wouldn't surprise me if the boys finished in one of the first three positions if they can continue to play the same brand of ball they have been showing since their return to their home field.

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ENTERTAINMENT

**Carmen Broderick, the old maestro, will be there all decked out in his band-master's trappings leading the Local 12 band, which is one of Toledo's outstanding musical organizations. And the Camp Perry band will be there too, a really great musical organization capable of putting on a whole show on its own account.**

**Paul Spor will be on hand with several good acts which we of Local 12 know know will be good acts because Paul has put o nshows for us on many occasions, and they were always good.**

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YOUR BIT

Asking you sports fans to purchase a ticket for a ball game, the proceeds of which are to go to send 10,000,000. .cigarettes overseas to Toledo servicemen when compared with the pleasure of the ball games, music and entertainment we will give you is like asking you to buy a bond. You can always get your moneyback which you invested in the bond, and you will get back the thanks of hundreds of Toledo soldiers in Sicily, North Africa, Alaska and everywhere in the world where there are American soldiers from the old home town.

Be a sport and be a fan for a fighting man next Monday night.

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CORRECTION

**Willys-Overland softball team has not lost any games during the current season. The standings published here two weeks ago showed the team losing one game.**

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GOLF

Toots Martin has taken up golf. Now if Toots will learn how to play bridge he might get somewhere.

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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

# Strong Allied Drive in South Pacific Threatens Jap Base in Solomons; Nazis Make New Bid to Cripple Russia Through Attack on Belborod Line

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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Taking oath as colonel, Oveta Culp Hobby assumes command of the new Women's Army corps, which replaces the WAAC. Pictured with Colonel Hobby from left to right are Brig. H. B. Lefis, acting adjutant-general of the army, Gen. George C. Marshall, and Lieut. Gen. Brehon Somervell.

## NAVY STRIKES:
### *Jap Fleet Hit*

The battle in the Southwest Pacific grew in intensity, with the Japs throwing the full weight of their air and sea power against the advancing Allied forces.

Drawn out by the U. S. Navy's shelling of the Jap anchorage of Bairoko, through which supplies have been carried to the big enemy air base of Munda on New Georgia Island, formations of the Japanese fleet engaged the American ships in the Kula gulf, coming off a poor second best.

According to a communique from General MacArthur's headquarters, no less than six enemy vesseis probably were sunk and four damaged. We lost one cruiser, which with a destroyer sunk in the Bairoko bombardment and a transport knocked out in the earlier landings, brought our own losses to three.

All along the 700-mile front the Japs hurled their aircraft at American positions. Enemy fighters and bombers flew over newly occupied Rendova, struck at General MacArthur's beachhead below Salamaua in New Guinea, and attacked Darwin in northwestern Australia in force. At Salamaua, Allied forces had worked their way through jungle to the northwest, so that with General MacArthur's position, that Jap base was now ringed from three sides.

## JAPAN:
### *Parcels Out Territory*

In development of the "great east Asia co-prosperity sphere," Japan ceded four Malay and two Burmese states to the kingdom of Thailand. North of Malaya and east of Burma, Thailand, by its alliance with Japan at the start of the war, provided the Nipponese with a backdoor into these British possessions.

The cession of the Malay states gave Thailand rich rice, tin and rubber producing territories. The population includes more than a million natives. The two Burmese states constitute 24,000 square miles.

The cession was made on occasion of Premier Hediki Tojo's visit to the Thai capital at Bangkok. Tojo later went to Shanghai, where Chandra Bose, exiled Hindu nationalist leader, called for the organization of all rebels for the defeat of the British in India.

## WAR PRODUCTION:
### *Up and Down*

Declaring that we are on the verge of one of the greatest trials of our national history, War Production Chairman Donald Nelson revealed that the nation's arms output for May had gained for aircraft and naval vessels, but fallen in other lines.

On a weight basis, airplane production jumped 1 per cent in May, Nelson said, with bomber deliveries up but fighter manufacture unsteady. A total of 204,000 tons of naval vessels were completed.

In other lines, ground ordnance, such as tanks, artillery, etc., was down 3 per cent; merchant vessels were down 4 per cent, and miscellaneous munitions were down 7 per cent.

For the first half of the year Nelson said the estimated output fell below the goals marked out. Merchant shipping was 44 per cent of the year's objective; army ordnance and naval vessels, 40 per cent, and aircraft 35 per cent.

## SUBSIDIES:
### *Would Limit Expenditures*

If President Roosevelt's subsidy program to "roll-back" the price of retail food was to become the administration's bulwark in its anti-inflationary program, Congress indicated that it would retain a voice in such a policy by limiting the government's expenditure of money in its operation.

In considering a new Commodity Credit Corporation bill which would allow subsidies, the senate banking and currency committee heard Senator Robert Taft propose an appropriation of 525 million dollars to "roll-back" prices to Jan. 1, 1944. Unless such a limitation were made, Taft said, the government could borrow any amount from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

President Roosevelt declared it was necessary to "roll-back" food prices to equalize the stabilization of wages. Subsidy opponents contend that such payments will only increase the public debt, and wages generally have risen to a level at which consumers can well afford to buy food at present prices.

## RUSSIA:
### *Nazis Gain*

Big guns thundered—airplanes whined in endless swoops—huge tanks rumbled over barren plains; action had come again on the Russian front.

While the Nazis insisted the action was of a local, minor character in segments of the Ukrainian and Kursk provinces in Russian hands, the Reds claimed the Germans had launched a major offensive. Although announcing that they had stopped the advance generally along the 165-mile front, the Reds had breached their defenses in the Belgorod sector.

Red reports indicated the Nazis had massed large armored formations in the battle zone. The 1,271 tanks the Russians said they knocked out would be sufficient to outfit four Nazi panzer divisions. In two days the Reds claimed they shot 314 planes out of the sky.

For their part the Nazis said their infantry had initiated a local attack, and then fighting had flared all along the front.

## CANNED GOODS:
### *Increase Prices*

To absorb higher labor and material costs, canners of vegetables and processors of frozen berries were authorized to increase prices of the 1943 pack by the Office of Price Administration.

Prices of canned tomatoes, corn, snap beans and peas, however, will remain at the 1942 level. Seeking to stabilize the prices of these essential commodities, the government will pay subsidies to canners to make up for increased costs.

The OPA also acted to place specific increases on spinach, asparagus, mustard and turnip greens. To reflect wage boosts, canners of spinach were allowed a 4½ per cent boost. Price of the No. 2 can of asparagus was raised 4 cents and mustard and turnip greens were increased 1½ cents.

Increases ranging up to 3 cents a pound were allowed to processors of blueberries, cranberries, currants, dewberries, elderberries, huckleberries, Johnson berries and Olympic berries.

## HIGHLIGHTS . . . *in the week's news*

CONSTRUCTION: All building materials and construction facilities have been placed under the control of the War Production Board, "in order to eliminate all non-essential construction."

GRAIN: Oats sold at the highest in 23 years on the Chicago market at 73½ cents a bushel, while rye reached $1.12½ recently.

SUGAR: About one-third less acreage was planted in sugar beets this year than last. Leaders of the industry blame shortage of labor, and competition of other crops more favored by governmental aid.

BANKS: The Chase National Bank of New York, the world's largest, reports total assets of $4,482,606,435 in its latest statement.

# Murray Warns Judiciary Committee

WASHINGTON, July 14—(FP)—Senate judiciary committee members were warned July 12 by CIO President Philip Murray that delay in reporting favorably HR 7, the Marcantonio anti-poll tax bill, would be seized upon by the propaganda machines of our enemies.

Looking to the committee for action needed to assure them "their full status as equal participants in our nation's life," said Murray, were "10 million American citizens working, sharing, fighting and giving equally with their fellow citizens for the defense of our nation."

He urged immediate action on the bill as a war measure, saying extended hearings were held on the same bill and that more were unnecessary.

"Finally," he wrote, "important bodies of peoples and nations among the United Nations throughout the world are looking to your committee and your action on this bill as a demonstration of our national good faith in the achievement of the ideals for which we and all the United Nations are now struggling.

# Fight Over FSA Not Over

WASHINGTON, July 14—(FP)—The fight over the Farm Security Administration is not over, National Farmers' Union spokesmen indicated July 12. While final legislation passed before Congress adjourned did cut down FSA funds so drastically it scarcely can function, a demand in the fall fo an expanded, not shrunken, FSA program will be renewed.

Support for it is expected to come from the President and from Department of Agriculture officials.

The attempt to turn FSA over to American Farm Bureau Federation-minded county agents failed. But the farm bloc, the Wall Street farmers, who in the house once succeeded in wiping out FSA funds, did plenty of damage elsewhere in their crusade for hunger at high prices. They defeated a move to authorize incentive payments of $100,000,000, and ordered the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. liquidated for the coming year.

The big farmers the farm bloc speaks for don't need the help the FSA provides to small farmers. The entire national income for 1942 was $114,000,000,000, representing a 24% increase in the country as a whole. But the increase to farmers was 59%.

# Quatrains

Some days are dark and dreary . . . with a drizzling rain which becomes monotonous as it lingers on and on. Most of us prefer bright days . . . yet welcome a sudden, refreshing shower.

So, in the lives of men . . . some live many years, which are filled with trivial nothingness. Others are like Mozart . . . their lives are short but packed with accomplishment.

Poetry is no exception—a choice of words should express a thought . . . yet permit brevity.

Thus, I shall attempt in this week's column, and for the next few weeks to follow, to present the brevity of poetry.

### Jingle Rhymes and Poetry

Jingle rhymes may bring out laughter, as a ball by Altrock hurled,
But profound thought of deeds well wrought, makes poetry which rocks the world.

### Rich and Poor

The rich are like canaries,
High and pampered with life's riches sit;
The poor are like the purring cat,
Just go stewin' 'round and wishin' they had it.

### Knowledge and Wisdom

Knowledge is a bag of answers
You can purchase for a cost,
Wisdom never can be purchased
But guides you when the bag is lost.

### Truth

Today's truth is tomorrow's error,
Bubbles of knowledge burst everywhere;
Looking for truth? Want a measuring rod?
Forget men—seek God.

"The Bard of Flatrock"
DON PARSON

# Comes Up Smiling

For seven long years, Betty Desir has suffered from the ravages and after-effects of infantile paralysis, yet to hear her pleasant talk and see her infectious smile, you would think she was carefree and happy—and she is.

Betty isn't the kind who sits around peering inside her own soul trying to find an excuse for feeling sorry for herself.. Indeed, Betty is strictly objective. She is adjusted and has a philosophy of life that might well be copied by everyone.

Perhaps it is because Betty thinks of herself as another person and asks no odds or ends of anyone, that she's little by little, building her own little business which she has named "Betty's News Agency."

Betty is crippled from her waist down. She has not walked for seven years, yet she manages to get around in a wheel chair, conducts her business of selling magazine subscriptions over the phone, uses a typewriter with one hand, writes, reads, knits and does things many women with the full use of their limbs do not do.

When Betty's family, due to sickness, was hard pressed, the CIO War Chest gave them a lift, and Betty and her perseverance, her will to do for herself, is more than ample evidence of the value of the War Chest, for it tided her family over a rough spot and gave Betty a chance to continue to build her magazine business.

Of course, Betty Desir isn't entirely self-supporting, but she will be before long of the people who read this will give her a break and order their magazines or renewals through her. She can supply any magazine or paper in the country and she will gladly welcome your call. Incidentally, Betty sells subscriptions to the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

If you don't want a magazine yourself, refer your friends to Betty. Better still, go to her home at 932 Superior St. and give her your subscription in person. You will find her pleasing personality a tonic and she will make you feel good just to talk to her.

Betty's father, Russell B. Rex, now a patient in the Veterans Bureau Hospital in Dayton, was a member of Local 12, UAW-CIO, and worked at the American Can Co.

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Where Is The Kasa Blanca Room?


# Curtiss-Wright Subsidiary Accused of Fraud

WASHINGTON, July 14 (FP)—The Wright Aeronautical Corp. was accused of fraudulently supplying defective and substandard airplane engines to the Army and Navy through connivance of Army Air Force inspectors in a sensational report on the aircraft industry made public by the Truman Senate Committee investigating national defense July 10.

The firm, a wholly owned subsidiary of the anti-labor Curtiss-Wright Corp., passed off defective engines, many of which later crashed, on the government by falsification of tests, destruction of records, forged inspection reports, by improperly recording results of tests and by other means, the committee charged.

The committee undertook a preliminary investigation ater receiving complaints from army inspectors at the Lockland plant in January 1943 and found "considerable basis" for the complaints. The company and the Army then held their own investigations and later assured the committee that "nothing irregular existed which required action." The committee began its own closed hearings April 1 and discovered that the company was "producing and causing the government to accept defective and substandard material" through intimidation of Army plant inspectors with the active cooperation of Army higher-ups.

After the committee returned to Washington, it withheld disclosure of its findings until an Army board headed by Lieut. Gen. William S. Knudsen, conducted its own investigation at the Lockland plant. A separate investigation by the Office of the Air Inspector into the committee's charges of misconduct against army officials is now under way.

Although the Knudsen committee found itself in agreement with 90% of the facts uncovered by the Truman committee, its final report was a substantial whitewash of the company's actions. The Truman committee found that the Knudsen report "assumed an unnecessarily defensive attitude."

# Stars Of Tomorrow

By Ethel Vine

VIRGINIA WEIDLER

In "The Youngest Profession" Virginia Weidler comes into her own (as a veteran should) by appearing in the starring role. She takes the part of Joan Lyons, president of an autograph hunters club. The cast also includes Edward Arnold, John Carroll, Jean Porter, Dick Simmons and guest stars who are Lana Turner, Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon, Robert Taylor and William Powell.

Just fourteen years ago Miss Weidler made her screen debut in "Moby Dick" with the late John Barrymore. From the moment she stepped on the set she displayed temperament by refusing to carry out the director's orders which required her to remove her dress. Affronted by the strip-tease suggestion, she began screaming and kicking and finally had to be carried out of the studio by her harassed mother. And so, at the ripe age of two, Virginia went into "retirement."

By the time she had reached five, however, she realized that discretion was the better part of valor and tried a comeback in "After Tonight," playing the part of Constance Bennett's niece. She proved a success and during the next few years piled up glory for herself in such pictures as "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "Laddie," "Freckles," "Peter Ibbetson" and "Girl of the Ozarks."

It was not until 1938 that Virginia's natural talent for impishness began to assert itself. In "Maid of Salem," as the bad child and again in "The Philadelphia Story" as Katherine Hepburn's brat sister, she delighted all her contemporaries in the audience by behaving as most of them wanted to behave but didn't dare. These roles began to establish her as an important Hollywood player.

**A Lady of Poise**

With the weight of years, Virginia is losing much of her tom-boy impetuousness and is acquiring the poise becoming a young lady of sixteen. She is tall and slender, has long, flowing brown hair which at parties she insists on wearing in an up-do. Her roles reflect added dignity — in pictures like "Babes on Broadway," "Born to Sting" and "Affairs of Martha."

"The Youngest Profession" gives the young star a chance to combine her recently acquired correct demeanor with a boisterousness still hanging over from cub years with engaging results.

**Studies at the Studio**

Virginia was born in Los Angeles, and is one of six children. Her three brothers conduct the Weidler Brothers orchestra for dances in and about Hollywood and her sisters also have played in pictures. At home Virginia relaxes by swimming, cycling and sketching. She is a regular student at M-G-M's studio school, which is a regulation institution conducted by the California Board of Education. Her best subjects are English and languages, but she maintains a good average in other studies too. She wants to become a really fine actress, more than anything else, she says.


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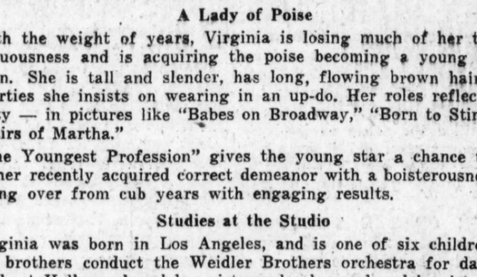

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# War On All Fronts

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**(Here is one of the most remarkable stories ever published—a personal story by the first woman pilot to die on war duty in American history. Shortly after it was written, Miss Fort, 24, of Nashville, Tenn., was killed when the bomber she was piloting crashed in Texas.)**

I knew I was going to join the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying squadron before the organization was a reality, before it had a name, before it was anything but a radical idea in the minds of a few men who believed that women could fly airplanes. But I never knew it so surely as I did in Honolulu on December 7, 1941.

A dawn that morning I drove from Waikiki to the John Rodgers civilian airport right next to Pearl Harbor, where I was a civilian pilot instructor. Shortly after 6:30 I began landing and take-off practice with my regular student.

Coming in just before the last landing, I looked casually around and saw a military plane coming directly toward me. I jerked the controls away from my student and jammed the throttle wide open to pull above the oncoming plane. He passed so close under us that our celluloid windows rattled violently and I looked down to see what kind of plane it was.

**The painted red balls on the tops of the wings shone brightly in the sun. I looked again with complete and utter disbelief. Honolulu was familiar with the emblem of the Rising Sun on passenger ships, but not on airplanes.**

**I looked quickly at Pearl Harbor and my spine tingled when I saw billowing black smoke. Still I thought hollowly it might be some kind of coincidence or maneuvers. It might be, it must be. For sure, dear God!**

Then I looked way up and saw the formation of silver bombers riding in. Something detached itself from an airplane and came glistening down. My eyes followed it down, down, and even with the knowledge pounding in my mind, my heart turned convulsively when the bomb exploded in the middle of the harbor.

I knew the air was the place for my little baby airplane and I set about landing as quickly as ever I could. A few seconds later a shadow passed over me and simultaneously bullets spattered all around me.

Suddenly that little wedge of sky above Hickam Field and Pearl Harbor was the busiest fullest piece of sky I ever saw.

We counted anxiously as our little civilian planes came flying home to roost. Two never came back. They were washed ashore weeks later on the windward side of the island, bullet-riddled. Not a pretty way for the brave little yellow Cubs and their pilots to go down to death.

When I returned, the only way I could fly at all was to instruct Civilian Pilot training programs. Weeks passed. Then, out of the blue, came a telegram from the War Department announcing the organization of the WAFS, and the order to report within 24 hours if interested. I left at once.

Because there were and are so many disbelievers in women pilots, especially in their place in the army, officials wanted the best possible qualifications to go with the first experimental group. All of us realized what a spot we were on. We had to deliver the goods or else. Or else there wouldn't ever be another chance for women pilots in any part of the service.

The attitude that most nonfliers have about pilots is distressing and often acutely embarrassing. They chatter about the glamour of flying.

Well, any pilot can tell you how glamorous it is. We get up in the cold dark in order to get to the airport by daylight. We wear heavy, cumbersome flying clothes and a 30-pound parachute.

You are either too cold or too hot. If you are a female your lipstick wears off, and your hair gets straighter and straighter. You look forward all afternoon to the bath you will have, and the steak. Well, we get the bath, but seldom the steak: sometimes we are too tired to eat and fall wearily into bed.

**None of us can put into words why we fly. It is something different for each of us. I can't say exactly why I fly, but I "know" why, as I've never known anything in my life. Of this I am most positive.**

I knew it when I saw my plane silhouetted against the clouds, framed by a circular rainbow. I knew it when I flew up into the extinct volcano Haleakala on the island of Maui, and saw the gray-green pineapple fields slope down to the cloud-dappled blueness of the Pacific.

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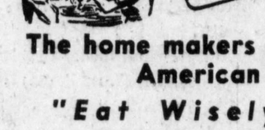


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